The next time you get a glass of water from your faucet, think about this. Most of our drinking water comes from our rivers.

When the rain falls and the snow melts, the water runs off our roofs and yards, down into our streets and roads. Anything in the path of this storm water goes straight down our storm drains. And right into our rivers. Trash. Paint. Oil. Fertilizers. Animal waste. All of it is flushed into the same rivers we get our drinking water from.

But there are solutions. Dedicated people and municipalities are working on it right now. And you can help.

Properly dispose of harmful chemicals, paints and motor oils instead of pouring them down storm drains. Replace chemical fertilizers with organic ones and use them sparingly to reduce harmful runoff. Don't put animal waste into storm drains.

For more information, contact your municipality or visit our website. And tap into ways you can help.

