



Home Improvement Projects

Wash brushes and other equipment in indoor sinks whenever possible.

Properly dispose of home improvement waste.

Keep materials and equipment in covered areas, protected from rain and wind.



Runoff Reduction

Install rain barrels to capture and reuse rain water on your property. Channel water from downspouts and gutters to stable land-scaped areas.

Consider installing a rain garden, using sustainable landscape and native plants.



Pets

Always pick up after pets. Properly dispose of pet waste in the trash.

Don't forget a leash and pet waste bags when going on a walk.



Pool, Spa and Fountain Maintenance

Be sure that water is pH-neutral with no chlorine before draining to the street and storm drain.

Do not backflush filters to the street or storm drain.

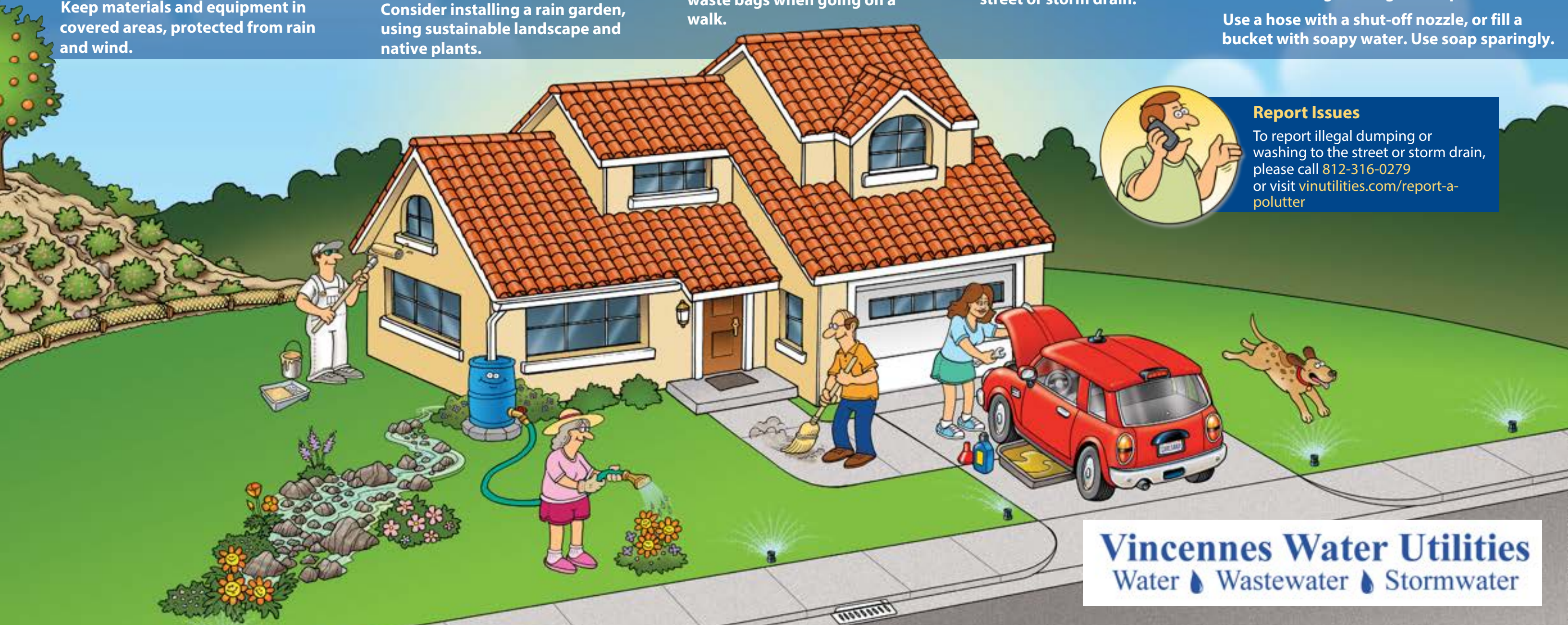


Car Washing

Wash your car at a commercial car wash if possible, where wash water is recycled or discharged to sanitary sewer.

If you wash your car at home, park it off the street and on grass or gravel if possible.

Use a hose with a shut-off nozzle, or fill a bucket with soapy water. Use soap sparingly.



Report Issues

To report illegal dumping or washing to the street or storm drain, please call 812-316-0279 or visit vinutilities.com/report-a-polluter

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Sediment and Erosion Control

Use mulch, silt fence, and/or straw wattles to prevent dirt from washing off your property, especially on slopes.

Use plants, grass, rock, gravel or mulch as long-term solutions to erosion.



Landscaping

Use lawn chemicals sparingly and follow the manufacturers directions. Do not over apply.

Have your soil tested before applying fertilizer.

Choose Indiana-friendly and native plants.



General Housekeeping

Sweep up outdoor areas, instead of hosing them down.

Place landscaping debris, leaves and sticks away from drains.

Consider all outdoor drains as storm drains, and do not dump or wash to them.

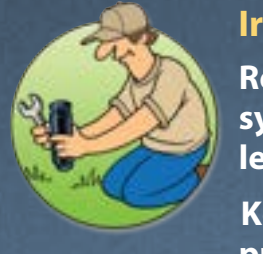


Vehicle Maintenance

Do not park leaking vehicles on the street.

Properly contain spills and automotive fluids. Clean up spills using dry methods only.

Keep auto parts and exposed engines protected from the rain.



Irrigation Systems

Regularly check sprinkler systems for overspray and leaks.

Keep all water on your own property to prevent runoff.

Don't apply lawn chemicals before irrigating.