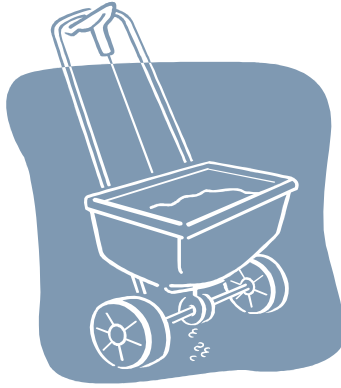


# RECIPES FOR A CLEANER – GREENER TOMORROW

**Pesticides**



**A Way You  
Can Make A  
Difference**

## **Watershed Action Team–Environmental Restoration**

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**Who among us doesn't enjoy beautiful flowers in our garden or luscious vegetables that we've grown?** We all do. Mother Nature can sometimes deal us a blow with some pesky critters who seem like they want to demolish our hard work! We need to be mindful of using chemicals to rid our yard of pests without contamination of groundwater and streams.

The presence of pesticides in stormwater runoff has a direct impact on the health of ground water, streams, and aquatic life; and can present a threat to humans through our drinking water supplies.

The use of integrated pest management (IPM) is a popular way to cut down on pesticides used. IPM uses a holistic approach to pest control. It examines soil, nutrients, diseases, insects, landscape design, weeds, cultural practices, etc. The goal of IPM is not to eliminate pests but to manage them in such a way that they are at an acceptable level.

**There are three different non-chemical methods of pest control practices:**

- ◆ Biological—good bugs that eat the bad bugs
- ◆ Cultural—hand picking
- ◆ Mechanical—zappers, paper collars

Use of these methods in conjunction with pesticide use should cut down on the amounts applied.

**Do's and Don'ts of Pesticide Use:**

- **Try Pest Prevention First**
- **Do Safely & Correctly Use Pesticides**
- **Do Dispose of Leftover Pesticides & Pesticide Containers Properly**
- **Don't Use Outdoor Chemicals Indoors**
- **Don't Assume Twice as Much is Better**
- **Don't Transfer Pesticides into Other Containers**