



# Cambridge City Green Strategy Cambridge Groundwater Guardian



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## Keep Household Hazardous Waste Out of Our Natural Areas



Storm drains empty directly into watercourses such as the Grand River, Speed River, or our many local creeks. Discarded paint and motor oil can have harmful effects on water quality, fish, wildlife and our health. The Yellow Fish Road Program™ raises awareness about the connection

between our sewers and watercourses. Cambridge City Green Strategy has hosted the program for over 13 years. Thousands of volunteers have helped protect our watercourses by reminding people that everything is connected, and what we do on the land is reflected in the water.



Dumping hazardous materials down the household drain is not a good idea, and it's also illegal. Consider this alternative - the Region of Waterloo accepts paints, as well as household hazardous waste, at the Cambridge Waste Transfer Station at 201 Savage Drive. The Region also runs a Reusable Paint Program where varnishes, primers, and paints are available to residents.

In 2005, 27,500 Region residents properly disposed of over 519,000 litres of liquid waste through the Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Program. Imagine if this had instead gone through the storm sewers to the Grand River – it would rank as one of the largest spills ever in Ontario! Cambridge has Drinking Water Protection Areas. It is very important that these areas be protected in order to preserve our drinking water. Dumping hazardous waste materials on these, or any other lands, in Cambridge, including roadside sewers, is illegal and should be reported immediately.



We rely on the Grand River for recreation, and for some communities, drinking water. That's why it is vital that everyone knows that storm drains lead directly to local watercourses, that we report spills immediately, and that we dispose of our household hazardous wastes appropriately!



## TAKE ACTION !!!



### PARTICIPATE...

If your group would like to **PARTICIPATE** by marking drains in a local Cambridge neighbourhood call Cathy Smith at 519.740.4650, ext. 4649.



### REPORT IT...

If you see someone illegally dumping or spilling **REPORT IT** to the Region of Waterloo Environmental Enforcement hotline at 519.650.8260 (during the day) and 519.650.8200 (after hours) as well as to the Ministry of Environment Spills Action Centre 1.800.268.6060.



### SAFELY DISPOSE...

You can **SAFELY DISPOSE** of paints, oils, and other wastes by checking [www.region.waterloo.on.ca](http://www.region.waterloo.on.ca) or call 519.883.5100. Drop-off Days at the Savage Dr. landfill are June 10<sup>th</sup>, August 12<sup>th</sup>, and September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**CAMBRIDGE CITY GREEN STRATEGY** and **CAMBRIDGE GROUNDWATER GUARDIAN** are volunteer subcommittees of the Cambridge Environmental Advisory Committee - they promote local action and education about our natural resources and sustainability. New members welcome. Call Paul Willms at 519.740.4650, ext.4559 for more info.