

Protect our storm drains and our downstream drinking water, the Truckee River.

Did you know? Rainwater and melting snow can carry chemicals into our drinking water.

Our Truckee Meadows region is a basin draining to the Truckee River, our main drinking water source.

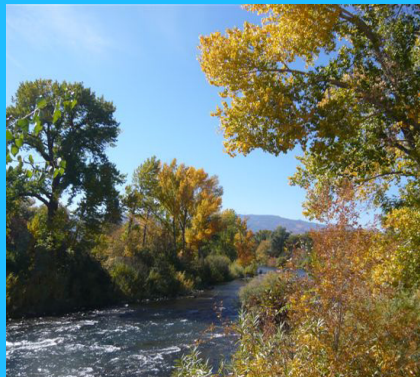
Take time now to prepare for Winter with easy non-polluting steps:

* **Sweep Leaves and Fruit!** Rotting vegetation causes unhealthy water conditions and flooding in neighborhoods. Rake up into a trash can (never the gutters), or compost away from rain contact with the gutters.

* **Keep them under cover!** Move all yard fertilizers, pesticides and auto fluids under cover to avoid contact with rain or snow.

* **Put a Lid on It!** Keep trash cans covered to prevent rain and wind from carrying trash and chemicals into storm drains and the Truckee River.

Keep the River Clean



Truckee Meadows Water Authority is owned by the citizens of Reno, Sparks and Washoe County. The City of Reno, City of Sparks and Washoe County are responsible for the production and printing of this message.

At your Home and Business, Keep the Truckee River Clean: Only Rain in the Drain.

The storm drain system carries water out of neighborhoods into nearby streams, which take water downstream into the Truckee River without any treatment.

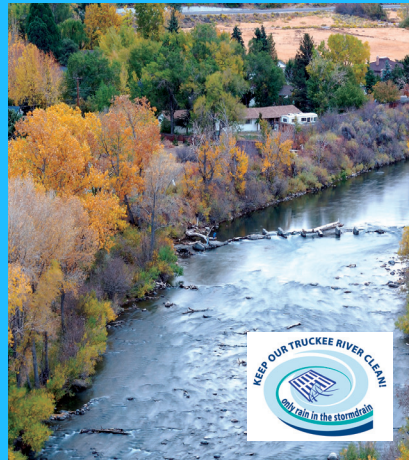
Did you know? Just one quart of motor oil can contaminate more than 10,000 olympic-sized swimming pools of water. Take these easy steps to keep the River clean:

* **Soak them Up!** Soak up auto fluid leaks with an absorbent like kitty litter, and dispose into a closed trash can.

* **Clean up Leaves!** Either compost leaves and tree waste, or rake and dispose of them in a trash can.

* **Throw it Away!** Pet waste may contaminate our storm water and drinking water downstream with pathogens. Dispose into a closed trash can.

* **Use a Nozzle!** When washing a car, use a nozzle. Never let the water run freely. Help even more by using a bucket with soap suds, and use as little as possible. Dump bucket over softscape or into a toilet, never into the gutter.



Protect the River

Truckee Meadows Water Authority is owned by the citizens of Reno, Sparks and Washoe County. The City of Reno, City of Sparks and Washoe County are responsible for the production and printing of this message.