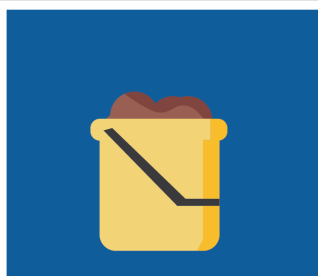


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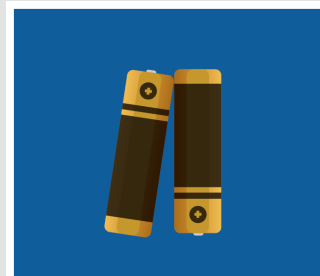
Everyone can play their part in reducing chemical pollution in our local waterways. Below are a few tips to help prevent chemical pollution.



## Limit the Use of Fertilizers

### Tip #1

Do not apply fertilizer within 15 feet of waterways or if heavy rain is expected and follow all instructions on fertilizer labels. Visit [mda.maryland.gov/fertilizer](http://mda.maryland.gov/fertilizer) for more information.



## Always Recycle Batteries

### Tip #4

Batteries are composed of chemicals toxic to flora, fauna and other wildlife, and some battery materials can be volatile when combined with otherwise common substances.



## Use Phosphate-free Soaps & Detergents

### Tip #2

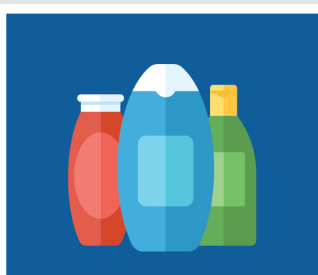
The U.S. EPA provides a green product search tool: [www.epa.gov/saferchoice/products](http://www.epa.gov/saferchoice/products)



## Buy Recycled Products

### Tip #5

Use products that have been produced in a way that has reduced waste and will reduce future waste.



## Do not dispose of products down the drain

### Tip #3

You can soak up excess liquid or spills with kitty litter and dispose of in a tightly sealed plastic bag. Expired medications and OTC drugs can be discarded at many local pharmacies.

It's important to remember that no single person, state or company is responsible for debris or pollution, which comes from a variety of sources.

Everyone can help play a part in cleaning up our waterways.

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