

# Healthy Household Habits for Clean Water

## *Pet Care*

- When walking your pet, remember to **pick up the waste** and dispose of it properly. Flushing pet waste is the best disposal method. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into the storm drain and eventually into local waterbodies.

## *Swimming Pool and Spa*

- **Drain** your swimming pool only when a test kit does not detect chlorine levels.
- Whenever possible, drain your pool or spa into the **sanitary** sewer system, not the storm sewer.
- Properly store pool and spa chemicals to **prevent** leaks and spills, preferably in a covered area to avoid exposure to stormwater.

***Storm drains connect to water bodies!  
Remember: Only rain down the drain!***

For more information, visit

[www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater](http://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater) or [www.epa.gov/nps](http://www.epa.gov/nps)

**To report possible illegal discharges to the storm drain system, call the Village of Beecher at (708) 946-2261.**