

## Protecting the Provo River Watershed

The Provo River provides a source of drinking water for hundreds of thousands of people in Utah. For this reason it is very important to keep the Provo River Watershed clean. **Watershed Protection** (also known as pollution prevention) means doing everything you can to keep a watershed from becoming polluted. Sometimes we do things that are not good for the watershed. We leave pollutants on the ground, and when it rains these pollutants wash downhill into the River. This is called **polluted runoff**.

All of these things can cause polluted runoff. Can you find them in the word search?

Soapsuds      chemicals      pet waste      oil      litter      soil

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## Things You Can Do to Protect the Provo River Watershed



The people below are taking care of their home and car, but they are doing many things that can damage the environment, especially our water. Click on the places where you think someone's activities might be harming the environment. Here is a list of ways you can help protect the Provo River Watershed:

1. Participate in a river, pond, or highway cleanup project.
2. Clean up after your pets so the waste does not run into a nearby stream or storm drain.
3. Use lawn fertilizers and pesticides sparingly. Excess lawn chemicals can flow into ground water and streams.
4. Don't pour motor oil, leftover paint or household cleaners down the drain or on the ground.

# The Provo River Watershed Story



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