



### Protecting Our Waterways

Your property is part of a stormwater catchment that drains directly into the A- rated Noosa River System. Every day substances such as detergents, fertilisers and litter are pollutants which degrade water quality, and can cause great harm to the receiving environment and to eco-systems.

Help to prevent pollution of stormwater and waterways, by:

#### **Vehicle Washing and Maintenance**

- Wash vehicles on grassed areas or at a designated car wash.
- Recycle car oil at Council's Eumundi Road, Cooroy or Pomona waste. Transfer Stations – never tip into drains.
- Ensure vehicles are regularly maintained – no oil or petrol leaks.

#### **Cleaning Bins and Emptying Mop Buckets**

- Empty cleaning water for bins and from buckets onto garden beds or lawns, not into gutters.

#### **Cleaning the footpath**

- Always sweep your footpath and place waste in the bin – **do not hose** as this carries dirt, soil or other waste into the street drains.

#### **Composting**

- ☑ Compost leaves and clippings, using them as mulch to nurture your garden and reduce watering needs – keep leaves out of the gutter.

### **Put All Litter in Bins**

- ☑ Protect wildlife and waterways by ensuring all litter goes into bins. Cigarette butts and plastics have huge, long-lasting impacts on water quality and cause wildlife mortality.

### **Cleaning Paint Brushes**

- ☑ Rinse paint brushes onto garden – not into stormwater drain.
- ☑ Tip or wipe excess paint on brushes onto newspaper or a rag.
- ☑ Allow to dry and then place this waste in a bin.

### **Landscape Using Local Native Plants**

- ☑ Local native plants are more suited to Noosa/s sub-tropical conditions, blend with the natural landscape and require less maintenance, water and fertiliser.  
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**Avoid using weed killers close to rain periods or in windy conditions Clear up after your dog at all times**

*Please contact Noosa Integrated Catchment Association (07) 54 499 650 for any assistance or further information.*