

LOVE YOUR RIVER TEN POINT PLAN

Keeping your river and seas clean - Remember your local river starts at the end of your driveway where the surface water pipes run from your house to your local river/stream and in turn to the sea. Even if you can't see the river or the sea from your front door you do affect it.

<p>Wash your car on gravel or grass ...not on tarmac driveways or the street where water can run quickly and directly into the surface water drain.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Tick Box</p> 	<p>Check your home for misconconnections www.connectright.org.uk Washing machines, dishwashers, sinks, toilets and baths – they should all go into the foul drain not the surface water drain!</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Tick Box</p> 
<p>Wheelie Bin Washing Make sure they are washed on gravel or grass and check the soapy water doesn't run into the surface water drain.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Tick Box</p> 	<p>DOG POO! Always pick it up and take home! Leaving it on the street, park or woodland can lead to it being washed into the river.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Tick Box</p> 
<p>Use ECO FRIENDLY Products Phosphate-free laundry detergents help to minimise the chemicals that water companies have to remove from the water at sewage works.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Tick Box</p> 	<p>Dispose of WASTE Carefully Never tip paint, white spirit, oils and other chemical waste down the sink or outside drains – take them to your local refuse centre/tip.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Tick Box</p> 
<p>Be sparing with slug pellets ...and other chemicals in your garden. They can leach into surface water drains and pollute the ground water causing an irreversible impact on our drinking water.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Tick Box</p> 	<p>Don't drop litter or fly-tip Rubbish, no matter how small can cause damage to wildlife and also lead to blockages.</p> <p>Please don't pollute your river with rubbish!</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Tick Box</p> 
<p>Keep an eye out for RIVER POLLUTION Dead animals, changes in water colour, smell, oil on the surface or signs of increased algae can all be an indicator of pollution. Report any possible pollution to the Environment Agency t: 0800 80 70 60</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Tick Box</p> 	<p>GET INVOLVED You can help clean up your local river by volunteering with Friends of Groups. Enjoy your river and encourage others to do the same.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Tick Box</p>  <p>LOVE YOUR RIVER WEST MIDLANDS</p>