



Stormwater Pollution Prevention PowerPoint Presentations Additional Resources

Friends of Milwaukee's Rivers. <<http://www.mkeriverkeeper.org>>

A comprehensive resource explaining what FMR does “to protect water quality and wildlife habitat in the river corridors and to advocate for sound land use in the Milwaukee, Menomonee and Kinnickinnic River watersheds.” Has links to volunteer opportunities, Milwaukee Urban Water Trail map and Riverkeeper advocacy page. A stormwater page featuring education, outreach and demonstration projects is linked under “what we do” and “go to all projects.”

Going With the Flow <<http://www.mkeriverkeeper.org>>

“what we do” link > “go to all projects” link > “going with the flow curriculum”

A stormwater education program developed by FMR for Milwaukee Public Schools youth aged 10-15. This comprehensive webpage has links to the learning activities, including a lesson summary, detailed lesson plan, take-home sheet, “Pollutant and Solution” matching game cards, and pledge sheets. It also has a link to the PowerPoint presentations and to stormwater FAQ's. Additionally, the webpage has Sixteenth Street Community Health Center's Spanish translations of the educational materials.

River Alliance of Wisconsin. <<http://www.wisconsinrivers.org>>

“assisting local groups” link > “watershed advocate toolbox” link > scroll down to “program tools for river conservation” link > “Reducing the Impact of Construction Site Activities in Your Watershed”

This 13-page booklet covers issues pertaining to construction-related stormwater pollution. It touches on erosion control and stormwater management, working with developers, monitoring construction sites, citizen action and long-term planning and policy. The River Alliance site also has links to other resources for improving Wisconsin's rivers.

Every Drop Counts. <<http://www.everydrop.org/rainbarrel.php>>

Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful. <<http://www.kgmb.org>>

Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District. <<http://www.mmsd.com>>

These websites illustrate how to use a rain barrel. Order a rain barrel from one of these organizations for only \$30.00-\$45.00.

Wisconsin DNR-Rain Gardens. “Rain Gardens Infiltrating Wisconsin!”

<<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/water/wm/nps/rg/index.htm>>

A short, informational article about building rain gardens in Wisconsin. The website has links to resources for building your own rain garden, including garden design and installation, Wisconsin native plant lists and advice on getting kids involved.

UW-Extension ERC Natural Resources Education Publications. “Home and Garden Clean Water Practices.”

<<http://clean-water.uwex.edu/pubs/home.htm>>

An excellent list with pdf file links to the UW-Extension's literature on home and garden clean water practices. Includes information about pet waste issues, rain gardens and yard care. Especially relevant to these presentations are the pdf links to a rain garden brochure, a rain garden how-to manual, a guide to Wisconsin native plants, and all the links under yard care, including information on the wise use of pesticides and fertilizers.

United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service.

“Backyard Conservation: Bringing conservation from the countryside to your backyard.” <<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/feature/backyard>>

Addresses conservation practices on nonagricultural land to improve wildlife habitat, control soil erosion, reduce sediment in waterways, conserve water and improve water quality, inspire a stewardship ethic, and beautify the landscape. Has links to ten tip sheets, a 28-page publication and lesson plans.

Healthy Communities Project.

<<http://www.healthycommunitiesproject.org/index.shtm>>

Wonderful local resource based in Whitefish Bay. Website has many links about the health and environmental impacts of pesticide and fertilizer use, as well as healthy lawn care alternatives. Site also has links to HCP’s Healthy Lawn Kit, with downloadable PDFs of lawn care tips and a calendar tailored for Greater Milwaukee, a list of local lawn care products and services, and fact sheets about the human and environmental costs of pesticide use.

Lesslawn.com. <<http://www.lesslawn.com>>

Provides advice on ecologically-friendly, low-maintenance, do-it-yourself lawn alternatives. Includes creative alternatives such as lawn-less landscaping, less-lawn landscaping, edible landscaping and nature-inspired landscaping.

Bayer, David. University of Wisconsin Extension. “Lawn Care Facts.”

<<http://www.uwex.edu/CES/cty/Outagamie/hort/documents/LawnCareTips.pdf>>

A comprehensive summary of lawn care concerns, including mowing, fertilizing, irrigation, weed control, thatch, lawn seeding, and disease and insect management and treatment.

Larson, Barb. University of Wisconsin Extension. “Wisconsin Lawn Care Calendar.”

<<http://wihort.uwex.edu/gardenfacts/XHT1147.pdf>>

A year-long lawn care calendar that presents an overview of home lawn maintenance customizable to individual lawns.

Greater Madison Healthy Lawn Team, Inc.

<<http://www.healthylawnteam.org/home.htm>>

An informational website examining the consequences of fertilizer and pesticide use on human and pet health, and on the environment. Also includes links to lawn care basics, lawn alternatives and getting neighbors involved in improving lawn management for improved community health.

University of Wisconsin-Madison. “Soil & Plant Analysis Lab.”

<<http://uwlabs.soils.wisc.edu/madison/>>

Provides instructions on how Wisconsin residents can test their lawn and garden soil for \$15.00 through UW-Madison. Other soils can also be tested for varying fees. Click on “services” link and then “submission forms” link. Look for “Lawn and Garden” section to find links to a submission form, submission form instructions, sampling instructions, and a sample report. Click on “services” link and then “fees” link for fee information.

Virginia Cooperative Extension. “Soil Sampling for the Home Gardener.”

<<http://www.ext.vt.edu/pubs/compost/452-129/452-129.html#soil>>

Discusses why soil should be tested. Gives reasons such as protecting the natural environment by minimizing fertilizer run-off, diagnosing poor plant growth and saving money. Also gives instructions on the process of collecting samples.

Brzowski, Dick and Bruce Hoskins. The University of Maine Cooperative Extension. “Know Your Soil: Testing Your Soil.”

<<http://www.umext.maine.edu/onlinepubs/PDFpubs/2286.pdf>>

A good introductory handout covering what a soil test is, why soil should be tested, when and how often it should be tested, and how to take a good soil sample.