

# Stormwater and Clean Stream Champion Program

New Castle County Department of Public Works



# What is the Clean Stream Champion program?

## A simple pledge to:

1. Scoop the Poop
2. Garden for Water and Life
3. Only Rain Down the Drain
4. Reduce Household Chemicals
5. Cease The Grease



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# Keep New Castle County

healthy for future generations

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# Clean Stream Champion Program Holiday Gift Ideas!



# For the Dog Lover!



# Pet Waste Bags

- Walking your dog is great for physical and mental wellness, but
  - 110,000 Dogs in New Castle County
  - 41 Tons of Waste Per Day
  - Huge source of bacteria to our waterways
- Using pet waste bags and picking up the waste prevents water pollution.





# For The Gardener



# Rain Barrels and/or Native Plants

- A trash can may be converted into a rain barrel or purchase one from the County at a discount in the spring.
  - Rain Barrels collect rainwater that you can use to water your garden.
  - Rainwater is healthier for your plants than chlorinated tap water.
  - Free source of water, saves money.
  - Reduces harmful runoff to our streams and waterways
- Native plants
  - Require less maintenance, watering, etc
  - Delaware's wildlife depends on them.
  - Deeper rooted, absorb more water, reduce runoff.





# For Keeping It Clean!



# Homemade Cleaners

- Household cleaners sold off the shelf, can be hazardous. Can find their way to our waterways through sewer or other means.
- Studies have shown indoor air is more of a concern than outdoor air quality and under the kitchen sink can be most hazardous area of house.
- Vinegar, castile soap, citrus peels, and essential oils can make safe effective cleaners.
- Simple recipes are prevalent online.



# For the Home Chef



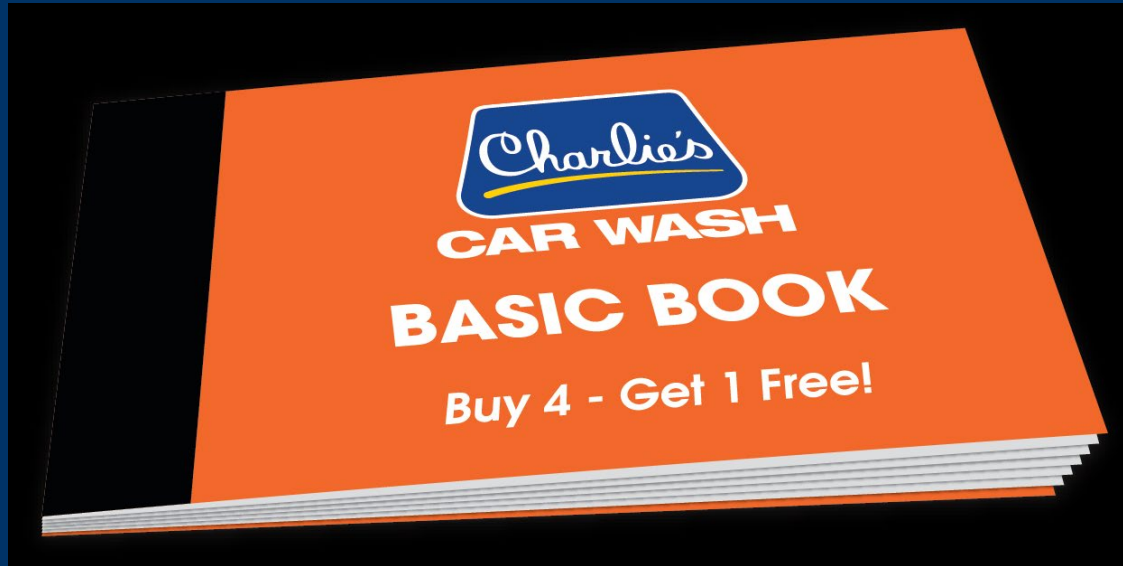


# A Tin Can!

- This can be a money saver!
- Dumping used fats, oils, and grease or FOG down the drain is responsible for most kitchen sink backups, and also, County sewer line backups and overflows.
- Average plumber cost to unclog a kitchen sink is \$109-\$214. Cost are orders of magnitude higher for the County to unclog our sewer lines.
- When our sewer lines clog, wastewater can back up into basements or spill into streams which degrades water quality.



# For The Auto Buff



# Only Rain Down the Drain

- Commercial car washes have equipment in place to treat their wastewater and send it to the WWTP.
- Storm drains connect directly to our waterways without providing any treatment.
- When it rains, any pollutants spilled on the ground get picked up and washed down the drain.
- Washing your car in the driveway, leaking motor oil, and pesticides + fertilizers are significant contributors of water pollution.

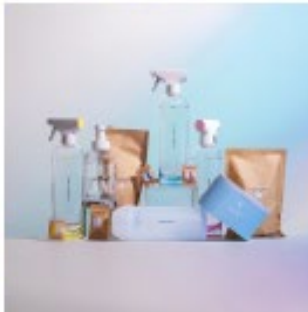




# STORMWATER SYMPOSIUM SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY

Win Great  
Prizes!

Subdivision residents who pledge to become a **Clean Stream Champion** by January 30, 2021 are eligible to win a great gift! *Be sure to include your subdivision name to be eligible.*



5 lucky winners  
could receive one of  
following:

- Native plant package (\$75 value)
- 1 hour on-site landscape consultation (\$150 value)
- Blueland Green Cleaning Kit (\$50 value)
- Earthminded 50g Rain Barrel (\$125 value)

Pledge for your chance to win:  
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