

August

is

NATIONAL
**Water
Quality**
MONTH

DID YOU KNOW ILLINOIS HAS....



**OVER 119,000 MILES OF
STREAMS WITHIN OUR
BORDERS.**



**900 MILES OF LARGE RIVERS
FORMING OUR WESTERN,
EASTERN, AND SOUTHERN
BORDERS.**



**MORE THAN 91,000
FRESHWATER LAKES AND
PONDS.**



**JURISDICTION
OVER MORE THAN
1,500 SQUARE
MILES OF OPEN
WATER IN LAKE
MICHIGAN.**

HELP PROTECT OUR WATER QUALITY FROM HOME



WASH YOUR CAR AT A CAR WASH

Even though it might cost more than washing your car at home, taking your car to a car wash saves water and prevents toxic chemicals from being flushed down your storm drains that eventually empty into our lakes, rivers, streams, and oceans.



DO NOT FLUSH EXPIRED OR UNWANTED MEDICATION DOWN THE TOILET

These pharmaceuticals can pollute our water and unintentionally expose us to the chemicals in these medications. Recent studies have found that medicines flushed down the drain can contaminate our lakes and streams, which can hurt fish and other aquatic wildlife, and end up in our drinking water.



PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET

Pet waste is a major source of pollution in local waterways. When it rains, pet waste and the bacteria it contains are washed into storm drains and from there into our creeks and rivers... untreated.



DISPOSE OF HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS PROPERLY

Do not dump household chemicals, automotive fluids, or paint on the ground or down the drain. Find a local hazardous-waste recycling facility.

