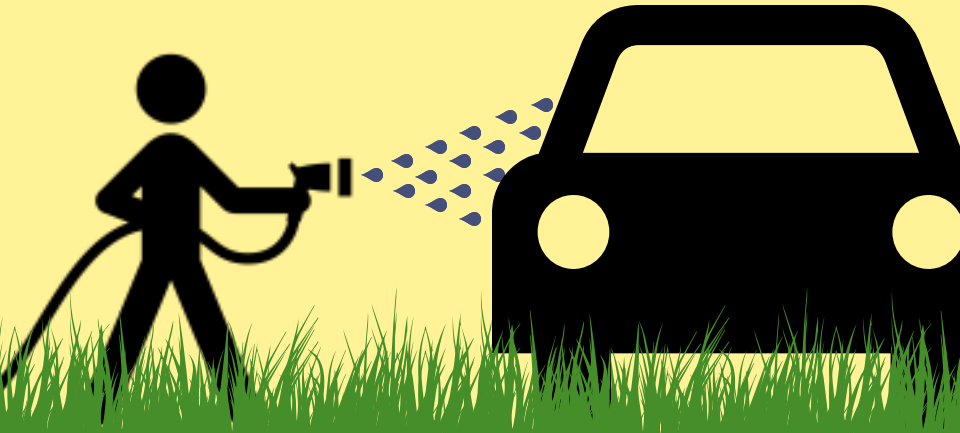


BOAT & AUTO CARE

..... FOR

CLEAN WATER



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STEPS TO PROTECT OUR WATER

Boat and auto maintenance can cause runoff of dirt, oil, soap, and more into lakes and streams. Follow these simple boat and auto maintenance tips to help protect Lake Macatawa!

Wash your car or boat on grass and not on driveways or parking lots. The soapy water gets absorbed and filtered by the ground instead of running off pavement into storm drains. You can also go to a commercial washing facility. The wastewater is recycled or is treated at the wastewater treatment plant.

Look for non-toxic and phosphate-free cleansers. Phosphates add unwanted nutrients into the water and can cause problems like toxic algal growth.

Use alternative cleaners, such as baking soda and lemon juice. Avoid those with bleach, ammonia, lye, or petroleum distillates.

Proper and routine maintenance limits oil and fuel leaks.

Keep boat and car engines tuned for efficient fuel consumption and clean exhaust.

Use a drip pan when doing engine maintenance. Drippings left on cement can runoff to storm drains and into lakes and streams.