

## Protect the Portage Waterway & Lake Superior

**Keep Wastes Out of Storm Drains!**

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### **DID YOU KNOW:**

- ♣ Storm drains remove storm water that could cause flooding. Storm drains lead directly to local rivers, streams, and lakes. Water entering storm drains is *untreated* and *unfiltered* before it reaches the Portage Waterway.
- ♣ Water entering storm drains may contain oil, antifreeze, gasoline, soil, litter, pet waste, yard and gardening chemicals, and yard waste. This pollution can eventually reach rivers, streams, and lakes.
- ♣ Polluted storm water from our community can reduce water quality and harm fish and other aquatic plants and animals in Huron Creek, the Portage Waterway and Lake Superior.
- ♣ Every time it rains--- polluted storm water washes down the storm drain into our lakes and rivers.

### **YOU CAN HELP BY:**

- ♣ Take your used motor oil to an authorized location to be recycled.
- ♣ Pick up waste and litter, such as paper and plastic, BEFORE they reach storm drains---not only is it bad for the environment but they can clog storm drains..
- ♣ Properly dispose of used batteries, paint, and other chemicals.

**Help keep our streams, Portage Waterway and Lake Superior clean!  
Spread the word!**

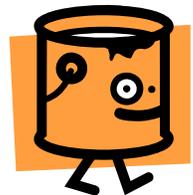
### Recycle Old Batteries

Through a national program, *Call2Recycle™*, the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation (RBRC) can help you recycle your used portable rechargeable batteries and old cell phones. Rechargeable batteries are commonly found in cordless power tools, cellular and cordless phones, laptop computers, camcorders, digital cameras, and remote control toys. The website, <http://www.rbrc.org/call2recycle/dropoff/index.php> identifies the following locations in our area for drop-off of rechargeable batteries: Swift True Value Hardware, Cellular One, AllTell, Office Max and Walmart (batteries only).



### Recycle Your Leftover Paint

Although there aren't facilities available locally for recycling paint, try to buy only the amount of paint that you can use. If you can't use it all up and then add kitty litter to evaporate it, or follow the directions on the can for proper disposal.



### Recycle Your Used Motor Oil

The following businesses will accept used motor oil. These businesses do not charge for disposing of your waste. Many thanks to the City of Houghton for allowing us to mark the storm drains!

Business	Address	Phone Number	Hours
Transmission & Engine Exchange	48540 Highway M-26 Dollar Bay	483-0408	Monday-Friday 8-6
Northern Auto	625 Quincy St. Hancock	482-0620	Monday-Friday 8-5
DeForge Auto	56720 Station Dr Calumet Twp.	337-5187	Monday-Friday 8-6
Muffler Shop	1221 Memorial Rd Houghton	482-3773	Monday-Friday 8-5
Superior Lube	806 W Sharon Ave Houghton	482-6621	Monday-Friday 8-6
Transfer Station	Betw. Enterprise Dr. & Gundlach Rd., Houghton	482-8872	Mon-Fri. 8-4; Sat. 8-2
Dave's Auto	730 Lake Linden Ave Laurium	337-5020	Monday-Friday 8-5
Torch Lake Service	420 Calumet St Lake Linden	296-3921	Monday-Friday 9-6

### Use Less Chemicals in Your Home & Yard

Hazardous cleaning products can be dangerous to the environment. When hazardous chemical are poured down the drains in your home, they eventually reach ground water or a stream, river or lake. Avoid using hazardous chemicals (fertilizers and weed killers) on your lawn and garden to protect water quality.



A group of home school students compiled the information in this flyer as part of an Earth Day project with the Western U.P. Center for Science, Mathematics and Environmental Education and the Huron Creek Watershed Advisory Council. These students will be labeling storm drains around Huron Creek with the message: *Dump No Waste, Drains to Lake.*

Our goal is to raise citizen awareness. We invite you to join our efforts in protecting Huron Creek, the Portage Waterway, and Lake Superior---keep our water GREAT!  
Please dispose of your wastes responsibly!

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*Thank you  
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