

We can all do our part

Worsening oxygen conditions, algal blooms and fish kills demonstrate the Swan and Canning rivers are showing the same signs of stress as other waterways around the world.

Reducing high levels of nutrients from fertilisers and other sources is a priority to keep our rivers healthy. Other environmental problems include erosion, sedimentation, decreased river flows and loss of foreshore vegetation.

Less rainfall and a growing population increases pressure on the rivers and foreshores, and the risk of algal blooms. We all need to do our part to help.

Contact the Swan River Trust to find out more about how you can keep our rivers healthy.



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Keeping our rivers healthy

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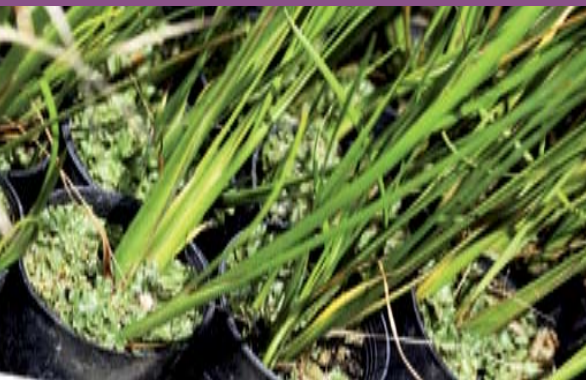
Ten things you can do



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1 Fertilise wise. Only apply fertiliser when it's needed in spring or early autumn, and never over-water.

2 Wash your car on the lawn to keep detergents out of the stormwater drainage system.



3 Grow local native plants in your garden. They need less water and fertiliser and attract native birds, lizards and insects.

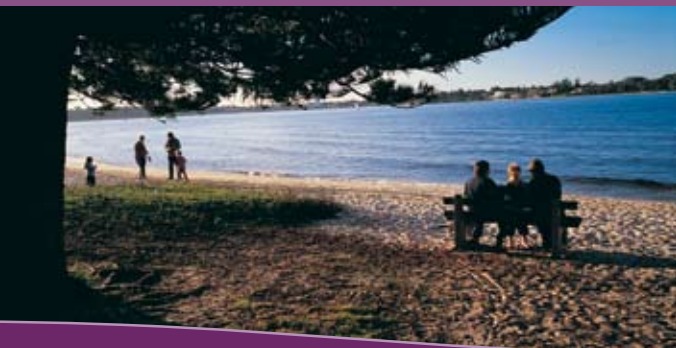
4 Take your rubbish home with you when you're out enjoying the rivers.

5 Pick up your dog's waste and put it in a bin or worm farm. It's full of nutrients that can feed algal blooms.

6 Check with your local council where to dispose of paint, oil and chemicals. They can end up in the rivers if tipped down the drain.

7 Use phosphorus-free detergents when washing clothes or dishes. Phosphorus is one of the main nutrients that feed algal blooms.

8 Compost your leaves and grass clippings. If washed into stormwater drains, they can contribute to nutrient overload in the rivers.



9 Keep garden weeds away from drains. They may end up in the rivers as invasive weeds.

10 Attend a free Great Gardens workshop. Register by calling 1300 369 833 or at www.greatgardens.info.

