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- Compost yard waste. Mow and mulch your lawn.
- Wash latex paint brushes in the sink.
- Repair car fluid leaks. Recycle used motor oil.
- Extra chemicals, paints, solvents, and garden care products should go to the hazardous materials collection sites.
- Apply lawn chemicals carefully and sparingly.
- Landscape to conserve water and reduce runoff. Use efficient irrigation systems and select water-conserving plants.
- Toss pet wastes in the garbage.
- Always sweep parking lots, walks, and driveways instead of washing them off. Discard debris and yard waste in the garden or trash.
- Eliminate excess car trips. Ride your bike, take a bus, carpool, or walk.
- Mark your storm drains. Call City of Boise for marking kits: 384-3901
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