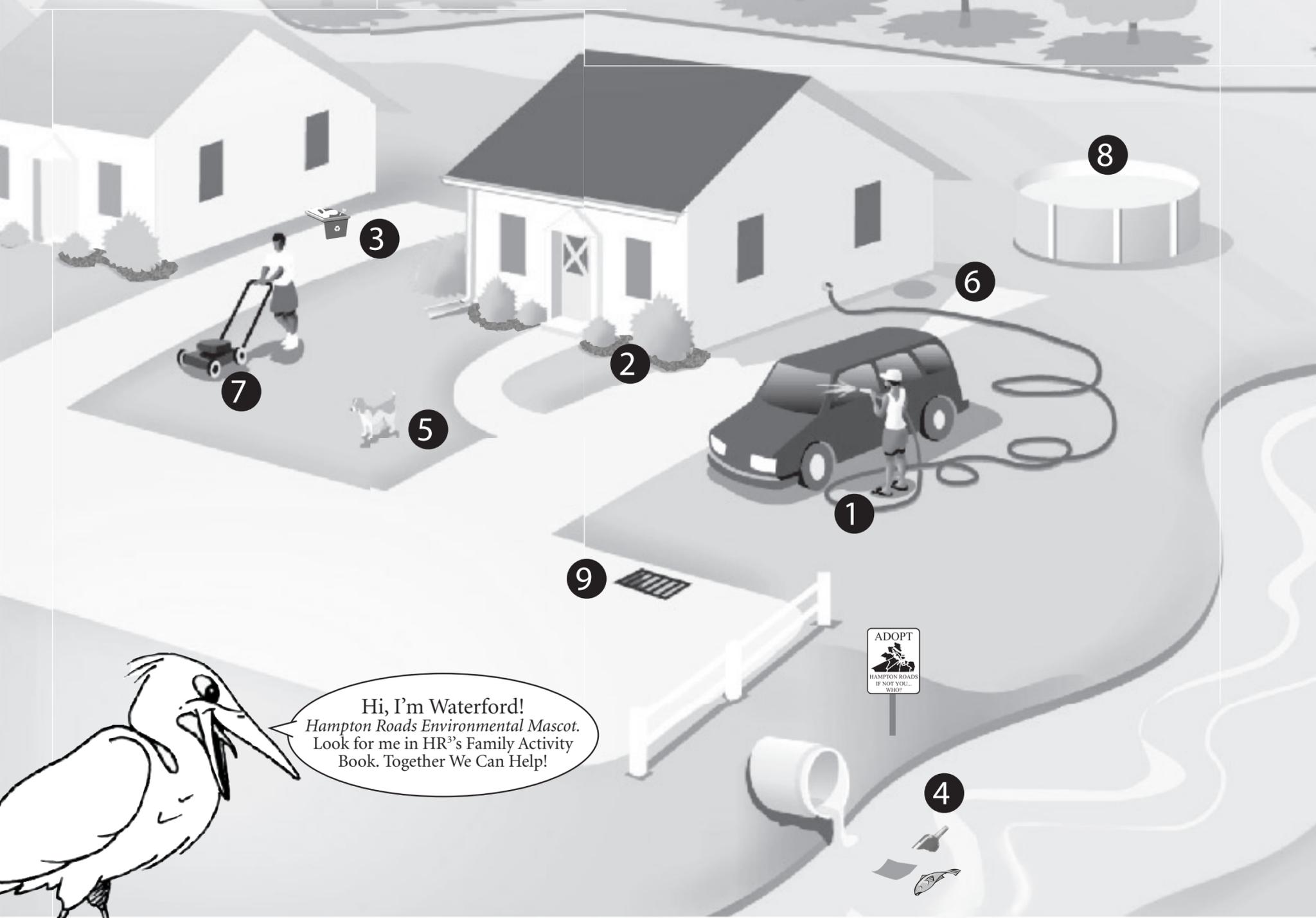


It All Begins With You.



- 1 Conserve water! Save 100 gallons of water when washing your car by using a hose nozzle. By washing your car in the grass, you'll water your lawn while reducing the amount of polluted water flowing to area storm drains.
- 2 Mulch! Use a layer of mulch around plants to reduce evaporation and weeds. Plant native and drought tolerant shrubs and flowers that require less water. Log onto www.hrwet.org to find other ways to save water. Support your local compost facilities by buying mulch and compost.
- 3 Reduce, Reuse, Recycle! Recycling saves natural resources and landfill space and reduces pollution. Recycling in Hampton Roads diverts tens of thousands of tons of waste materials from local landfills every year.
- 4 Volunteer to help during neighborhood and local waterway clean up events. Litter and yard debris kills wildlife and pollutes area waterways. Log onto www.hrclean.org to find out about events in your area.
- 5 Scoop the Poop! Pet waste contaminates waterways, adding excess nutrients and harmful bacteria, which can spread disease to humans.
- 6 Recycle used oil! One gallon of oil pollutes one million gallons of water. Log onto www.hrstorm.org to find recycling centers.
- 7 Mulch Mow! Save time, money and water. Mow your lawn so that the blades of grass are chopped into smaller pieces and deposited back into the turf. This will promote a healthier lawn, requiring less fertilizer and other harmful chemicals.
- 8 Dispose of chemicals properly! If you must empty your swimming pool, direct the water across your lawn - not down the storm drain - once chemicals have dissipated. The water will soak into the lawn and be further filtered in the process. Also, cover the pool when it's not being used to reduce evaporation. Discard old chemicals at local household chemical collection facilities.
- 9 Only rain down the storm drain. Storm drains empty directly, without treatment, into area waterways, making it important to keep them clean and free of litter, yard and household wastes. Keeping them clean and clear also prevents clogging which can lead to flooding during rain storms.



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Hampton Roads Environmental Mascot.
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