

Clean water reflects **you**

Steps you can take
to protect water



Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District



Nothing goes away. Everything that goes down the drain travels through the sewer to Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District's Nine Springs Treatment Plant, where water is treated and returned to two local streams. Your everyday actions to keep pollutants out of the drain help to protect our water.

REPLACE OR IMPROVE WATER SOFTENERS



Inefficient water softeners can waste salt and pollute fresh water. Call a water softening company to have your softener evaluated to see it's due for replacement or a tune-up. Visit **wisaltwise.com** for other tips on reducing salt use.

SAFELY DISPOSE OF MEDICATIONS



Proper disposal of unused medications keeps them out of water bodies and prevents theft and abuse of medications. Take unused medications to a MedDrop location, found at **safercommunity.net/meddrop**.

KEEP TRASH AND TOXINS OUT OF THE TOILET



Only human waste and toilet paper should be flushed. Take hazardous waste, like solvents and mercury products, to Dane County Clean Sweep (**danecountycleansweep.com**) at 7102 US Highway 12. Other substances, like wipes and hygiene products, should go in the trash can—not the toilet.

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