

Amos Trout wants you to pledge to make a difference in the Amos Lake watershed.

Everyone lives in a watershed! A watershed is an area of land that water flows across as it moves toward a common body of water, such as a stream, river, lake or coast.

What you do in and around your home impacts your watershed. Making simple changes helps prevent water pollution and keeps our watershed healthy. Take the watershed pledge to commit to protect Preston's water resources.

Taking the pledge is simple:

1. Just discuss with your family the activities and changes you are willing to make.
2. Check the boxes next to the activities you choose.
3. Post it where your family will see it everyday.

We pledge to:

Keep runoff water clean...

- Never dump toxic materials down drains or on the ground.
- Keep storm drains and ditches clean.
- Direct downspouts toward vegetated areas.
- Pick up after pets and dispose of the waste in the trash or toilet.

Reduce pollution from lawns...

- Test soil to determine the lawn's fertilizer needs.
- Revegetate bare spots in the lawn.
- Cut the grass higher. / Use grass clippings as a natural fertilizer.
- Landscape with native ground cover and shrubs whenever possible.
- Pick up pet waste when near a water body and dispose of it in the trash or toilet.

Maintain septic systems...

- Have septic systems inspected every 2–3 years and pumped as needed.
- Watch for signs of septic tank failure.

Maintain the car...

- Wash the car at a car wash or on gravel or grass with a phosphate-free soap.
- Maintain the car with regular tune-ups and check for fluid leaks.
- Dispose of used motor oil and antifreeze properly.

Volunteer to protect Preston's watershed...

- Set an example for healthy watershed living
- Encourage friends and neighbors to take the watershed pledge.



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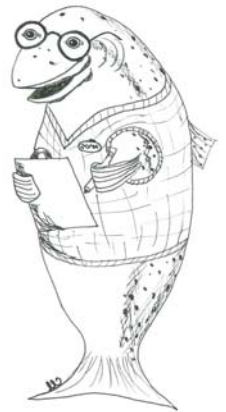
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