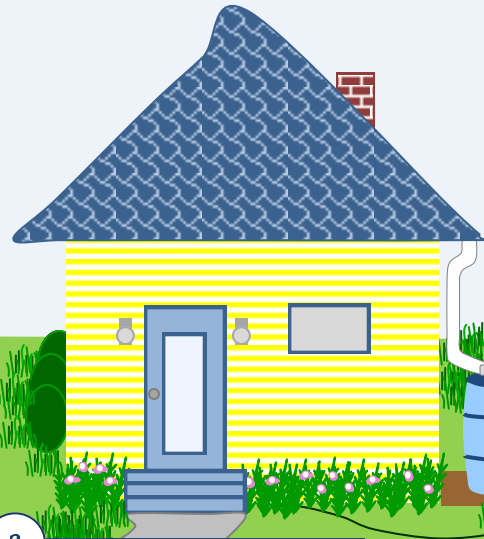# Rain Barrels

Pesticides

Car Wash

1 **No Rain, No Gain**
A rain barrel is a container that catches rain water from a downspout. Rain barrels reduce the amount of stormwater runoff by collecting runoff and storing it for future use.

4 The presence of pesticides in stormwater runoff directly impacts the health of groundwater, streams, and aquatic life, and can present a threat to human drinking water supplies.

5 **Integrated Pest Management**
uses holistic approaches to pest control by attempting to manage them at an acceptable level instead of eliminating them.

7 **Workin' at the Carwash**
When you wash your car, most of the dirt that comes off the vehicle contains pollutants and flows directly into storm drains and into local streams.

8 **Clean is Not Always Green**
Carwash runoff promotes weed and algae growth in streams, lakes, and estuaries, which reduces oxygen levels in the water and negatively affects fish and other aquatic organisms.

Rain Barrel

2 **Ease the Flow**
Rain barrels help reduce the peak volume and velocity of runoff that would otherwise erode the banks of lakes and rivers, and even your front yard!

3 **Recycle & Reuse**
Rainwater captured in a rain barrel can be used to water lawns and gardens.
Just be careful: rain barrel water is NOT suitable for drinking!

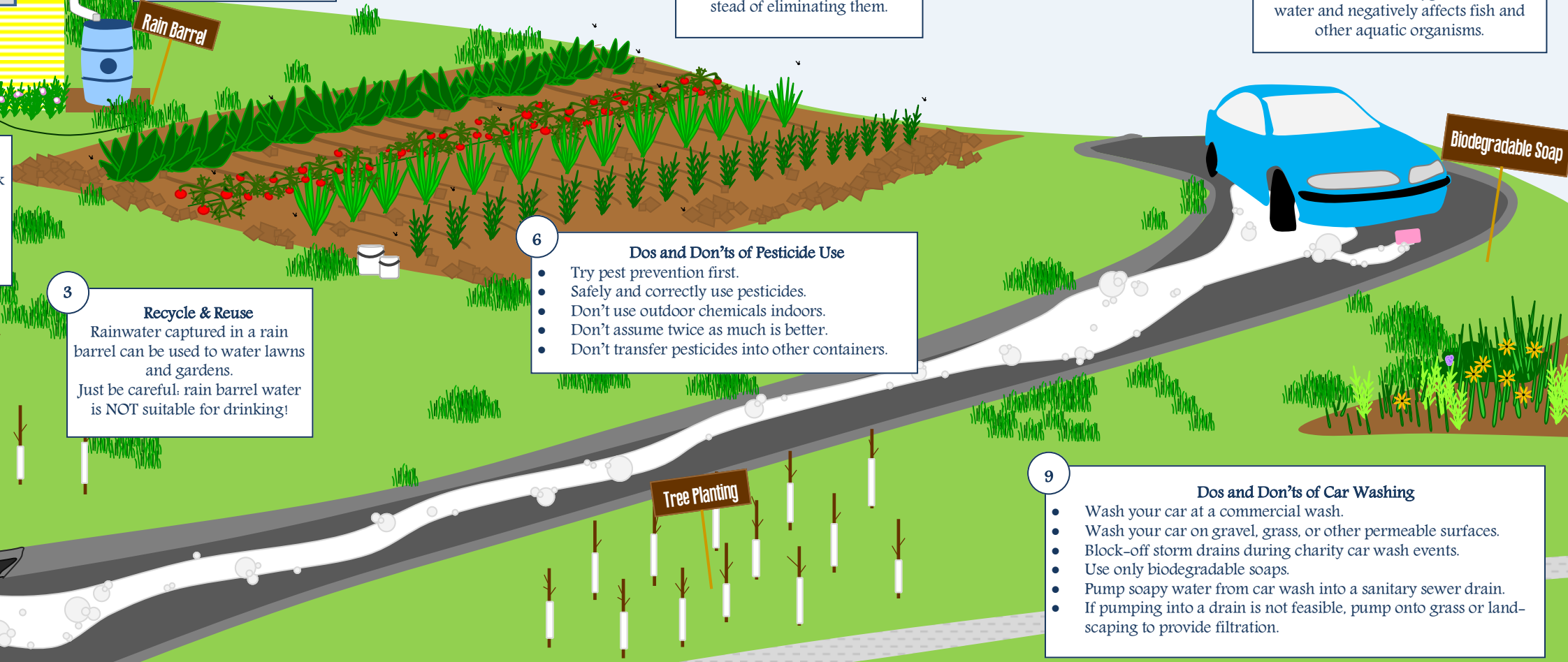**6** **Dos and Don'ts of Pesticide Use**
- Try pest prevention first.
- Safely and correctly use pesticides.
- Don't use outdoor chemicals indoors.
- Don't assume twice as much is better.
- Don't transfer pesticides into other containers.

Biodegradable Soap

Tree Planting

9 **Dos and Don'ts of Car Washing**
- Wash your car at a commercial wash.
- Wash your car on gravel, grass, or other permeable surfaces.
- Block-off storm drains during charity car wash events.
- Use only biodegradable soaps.
- Pump soapy water from car wash into a sanitary sewer drain.
- If pumping into a drain is not feasible, pump onto grass or landscaping to provide filtration.

Green Landscape

Pet Care

10 — Make Like a Tree
And help improve the health of our streams! Trees clean the air, slow runoff velocity, reduce erosion, regulate stream temperature, and provide habitat for animals. Planting trees in your neighborhood can help filter runoff from houses, driveways, and other impervious surfaces in your neighborhood!

11 — Go Green or Go Home
Green pavers provide a permeable surface that filtrates rainwater and helps slow the velocity of runoff. Pavers can be used for sidewalks, driveways, patios, parking lots, and trails.

12 — Rain Gardens provide infiltration of nutrients and sediment from impermeable surfaces such as roofs, sidewalks, and driveways.

13 — Haste Makes Waste
Studies have proven that 20 percent of fecal coliform found in urban stormwater areas is attributed to dog waste.

14 — Somethin' Smells Fishy
Pet waste decay releases nutrients that promote weed and algae growth in water ways, causing limited light penetration and therefore affected growth of aquatic vegetation, fish, and other aquatic organisms.

15 — Educate your children about the dangers of pet waste and the responsibilities of pet ownership.

Green Pavers

Rain Garden

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