

The Simple Six
How to Maintain the Squaw Run Watershed in Fox Chapel from Home

1. **If you don't drink it, you don't dump it!**
Anything you would not put in your body's system should not go into your sanitary or storm sewer system.
2. **Do not treat your lawn before it rains.**
That is like rinsing the contents of your wallet right down the drain, and it contaminates the watershed!
3. **Sweep sidewalks and driveways.**
Rinsing debris or spills down the storm drain puts chemicals and unnatural sediment into the water system.
4. **Pick up after your pet.**
In addition to keeping your neighborhood clean, picking up pet waste prevents harmful bacteria from entering Squaw Run or the Allegheny River.
5. **Properly dispose of chemicals.**
Call the Allegheny County Health Department, Public Drinking Water & Waste Management Recycling Program, at 412/578-8390 to dispose of cleaners, paint, automotive products (motor oil, antifreeze, etc.), and other hazardous materials. If it is dangerous for you, it is dangerous for our water!
6. **Make a difference with your lawn.**
Redirect your downspout into your garden, create a rain garden or install a rain barrel. They will keep your property from eroding and could lower your water and sewer bill.