

• PROTECT OUR WATERSHED •

# SPRING TIPS

## Plant

Choose a variety of native species for your landscape as their deep roots soak up spring rains. Native plants provide food and habitat for pollinators and ensure you have something in bloom all growing season.

## Maintain

Inspect septic tanks routinely, about every 5 years. Pump your tank when recommended by a professional. Keep basements dry by making sure sump pumps are working properly.

## Protect

Move stored chemicals such as salt, fertilizers, and pesticides to high areas where potential flooding cannot reach.

## Clear

Picking up trash and removing debris from storm drains reduces the amount of pollution entering waterways. Keep storm drains and catch basins clear to prevent flooding and protect local waterways.

## Dispose

Dispose of any household chemicals leftover from spring cleaning, yard work, or vehicle maintenance at a Kent Co. SafeChem event or the Ottawa Co. Resource Recovery Center.

## Swap

Make the change and swap out harmful cleaning products for biodegradable or homemade ecofriendly options.