



Healthy River Code

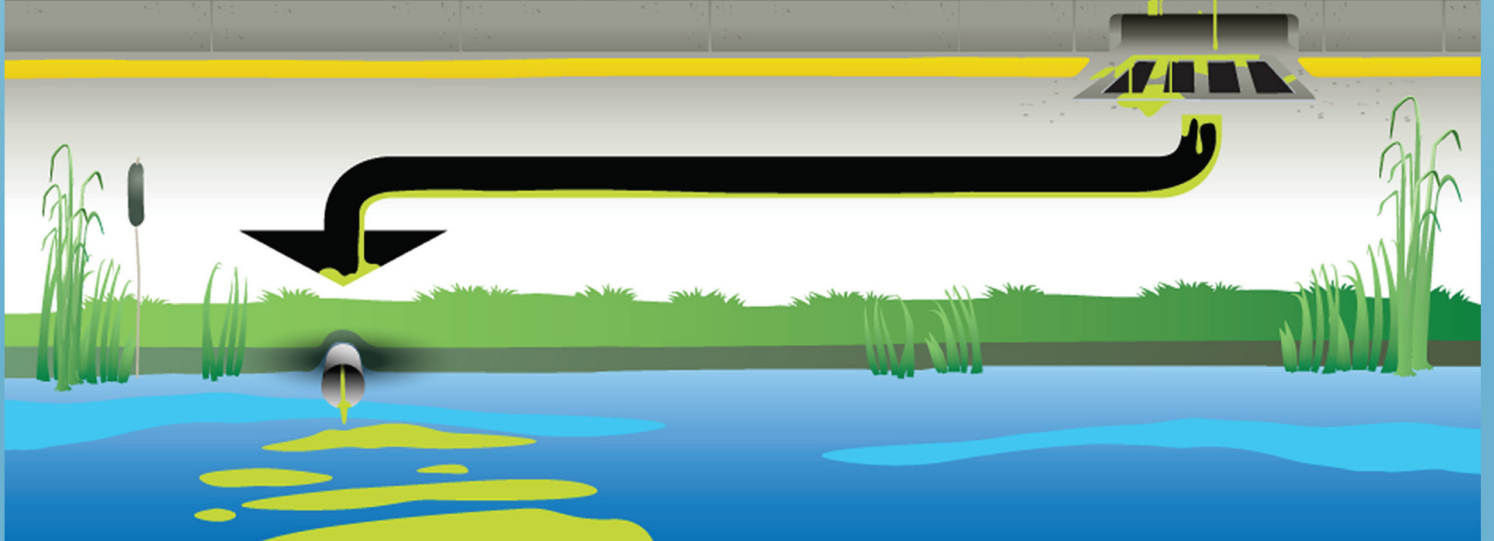
Rivers are the lifeblood of our country – and we all have a part to play in looking after them.

Much of the water we use in our homes and at work comes from our rivers. The less water we use, the more there is for the animals and plants that live in and around fresh water.

Pollution such as litter and contaminated water runoff from our streets can make our rivers look unsightly and kill fish and plant life. Our actions can help reduce the amount of pollution. So help look after our rivers and follow the **Healthy River Code**

Only Rain Down the Drain

Many of our drains lead directly into local brooks, streams and rivers. You may find these drains outside your house, on streets, in car parks, on industrial estates and at shopping centres. But you can't always tell from looking at them where the drain will flow to.



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Check your home for misconnections.

Your bath, sink, shower, toilet, washing machine and dishwasher should connect to the foul sewer and not the surface water drain. Visit www.connectright.org.uk



Don't pour paint, chemicals or oils down sinks or drains.

Take them to your local household recycling centre. Check your council website for details.



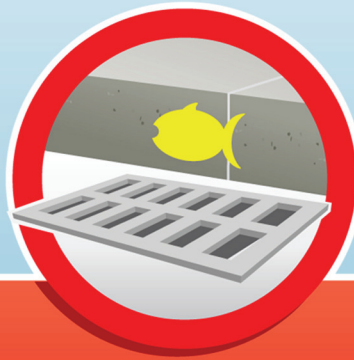
Don't throw litter or grass cuttings in rivers.

It causes pollution, harms wildlife and creates blockages which can lead to flooding.



Save water at home.

Visit www.waterwise.org.uk for water saving tips.



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The Yellow Fish reminds us not to pollute surface water drains which connect to rivers. Look out for the Yellow Fish in your neighbourhood.



Don't use toilets as bins.

Place nappies, wipes and other sanitary material in the bin to avoid blockages in your home and sewers overflowing into rivers.



Put pet waste and litter in its place.

Waste left on the street can be washed directly into your local river.



Use garden products like slug pellets and weed killers with caution.

Chemicals can drain into rivers and streams, harming the animals and plants that live there.



Don't wash your car or wheelie bin on the street.

Soap and chemicals can pollute rivers. Use a drive-in car wash or clean your car or bin over grass or gravel.



You can report river pollution by calling the Environment Agency's 24 hour incident line:
0800 80 70 60