

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	New Year's Day 1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	Groundhog Day 2

Volunteer for Winter Stonefly Search January 28. Hundreds of people team up to collect and count riverbugs that are sensitive to water pollution and changes in habitat. Communities use the information to help manage activities that impact the Huron.

Using water wisely saves money on your utility bills, saves the energy that goes to pump, treat and heat water, and reduces your greenhouse gas emissions. Smart use of hot water has an even bigger impact. Replace showerheads that have a flow rate greater than 2.5 gallons per minute. Take shorter showers. Install efficient faucet aerators and faucets that use a maximum of 1.5 gallons per minute. Turn off the water when soaping hands, shaving, or brushing teeth. The average reduction in hot water use for households installing efficient fixtures and appliances is 10.8 gallons per day, or approximately 20%.



**h2oheroes**  
**tap into savings**

**January 2013**



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1	Groundhog Day 2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	Lincoln's Birthday 12	13	Valentine's Day 14	15	16
17	President's Day 18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	1	2

Dumping waste into storm drains, ditches or waterways contaminates drinking water supplies, recreational areas, and wildlife habitat. Plus, it is ILLEGAL! Cleanup efforts cost millions of tax dollars each year. If you see illegal dumping, report it right away. You will help prevent further water contamination and reduce potential cleanup costs. Call the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Pollution Emergency Alert System 800-292-4706 to report illegal dumping. For suspected hazardous or flammable spills call 9-1-1 immediately.

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report jerks

February 2013



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
24	25	26	27	28	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Daylight Savings Time Begins 10	11	12	13	14	15	16
St. Patrick's Day 17	18	19	Vernal Equinox 20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	Good Friday 29	30
Easter Sunday 31						

Picking up pet waste keeps the yard clean and the neighbors happy. It also protects local waterways. Pet waste left on the ground washes into creeks, rivers, and lakes through the storm drains. Bacteria in pet feces compromise water quality, reduce recreational opportunities, and contaminate drinking water supplies. Take a minute to pick up after your dog and dispose of pet waste properly.

**h<sub>2</sub>oheroes**  
**scoop poop**

**March 2013**



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	April Fool's Day 1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	Tax Day 15	16	17	18	19	20
21	Earth Day 22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

Consider volunteering on April 21 for River RoundUp. Join other h2o heroes to help the Huron River Watershed Council collect and identify riverbugs that indicate the quality of our river.



Choose phosphorus-free lawn fertilizer, the kind with "0" as its middle number. Phosphorus is naturally abundant in the soils of southeast Michigan. Excess phosphorus washing into our waterways promotes rapid and severe algae growth that kills fish and beneficial plants. Phosphorus-free products are readily available at local retailers. Starting in 2012, Michigan prohibits the application of phosphorus fertilizers to lawns with limited exceptions.

**h2oheroes** use only  
phosphorus-free  
fertilizer

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**April 2013**



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	May is American Wetlands Month 1	2	3	4
Cinco de Mayo 5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Mother's Day 12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	Memorial Day 27	28	John F. Kennedy's Birthday 29	30	31	

Put rainwater to work in your yard. Catch rainwater with gardens that use deep-rooted native plants. The plants act like sponges, trapping and filtering polluted runoff, and preventing it from washing into our rivers. A natural low spot in your yard could be the perfect place for a rain garden. Learn more at [www.ewashtenaw.org/raingardens](http://www.ewashtenaw.org/raingardens).

Make use of your house, garage, or shed by directing roof-top runoff into a rain barrel. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that watering your garden and lawn consumes 40% of your household water during the summer. By using a rain barrel you save water and money and help to reduce the enormous volume of dirty runoff that flows into our rivers when it rains.



**h2oheroes**  
plant  
**Michiganders**

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**May 2013**



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	World Environment Day 5	6	7	World Oceans Day 8
9	10	11	12	13	Flag Day 14	15
Father's Day 16	17	18	19	20	Summer Solstice 21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

Dispose of household cleaners, chemicals, oil, paint, and other potential toxics in ways that protect your family and your drinking water. Never pour them down storm drains, into sinks, or onto the ground. Contact your county for disposal guidelines and drop-off locations: Livingston 517-545-9609; Monroe 734-240-7900; Washtenaw 734-222-3950; Wayne 734-326-3936. In Oakland County, call your city or township or go to [www.oakgov.com/waste/nohaz](http://www.oakgov.com/waste/nohaz) for information.

**h<sub>2</sub>oheroes**  
**know toxics**  
 Learn more at [www.hrwc.org/h2oheroes](http://www.hrwc.org/h2oheroes)

**June 2013**



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	1	2	3	Independence Day 4	5	6
7	8	Ramadan 9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

Wash your car on the lawn to keep dirty water out of the storm drain. Your lawn will gladly soak up the water and your grass will break down the soap, absorbing any phosphate it contains. If you cannot wash your car on the lawn, use a commercial car wash. Commercial car wash facilities are required by law to treat their wastewater.

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do it on the  
grass

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July 2013



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Save water as the summer heats up. To reduce evaporation, water your yard early in the day. Direct sprinklers into the yard and away from paved surfaces. Use a broom, not a hose, to clean your sidewalks and driveway.

**h<sub>2</sub>heroes** sprinkle  
when the sun  
**don't shine**

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**August 2013**





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THURSDAY

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Labor Day 2

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Rosh Hashanah 5

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Patriot Day 11

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Yom Kippur 14

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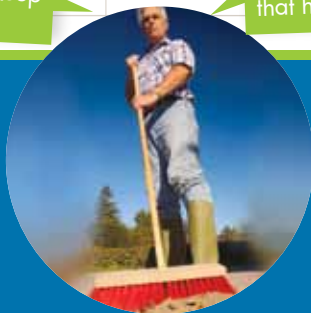
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Use a broom to clean up spills and keep storm drains for rainwater only!

Understand the storm drain connection. Storm drains are underground pipes that transport rainwater and melting snow directly into area creeks, lakes, and rivers. Garbage, pet waste, dirt, fertilizers, antifreeze, and motor oil — these are just a few of the contaminants that hitch a ride. Whatever is on the ground washes into our waterways.

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watch  
runoff



September 2013

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29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	Columbus Day 14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	United Nations Day 24	25	26
27	28	29	30	Halloween 31	1	2

Consider volunteering October 6 for River RoundUp. Join other h2o heroes who help the Huron River Watershed Council collect and identify riverbugs that indicate the Huron's health. Details at [www.hrwc.org](http://www.hrwc.org).

Instead of raking your fall leaves into the street, where they can wash into the storm drains, consider using your mower to mulch them into your lawn as a natural fertilizer. Or compost them for next spring. If your community's guidelines for curb-side pick-up direct you to put your leaves into the street, wait until just before collection day to do so.

h2oheroes  
mulch  
more

October 2013

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27	28	29	30	Halloween 31	1	2
Daylight Savings Time Ends 3	4	Election Day 5	6	7	8	9
10	Veterans Day 11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	Thanksgiving 28 Hanukkah	29	30

Do not flush prescription or over-the-counter medications down the toilet or sink. Wastewater treatment facilities are not equipped to "filter out" drugs and personal care items. Protect your drinking water by keeping these products out of our rivers, waterways, and groundwater. Dispose of them through a "take back" program or by wrapping containers in duct tape and several layers of plastic bags before putting them in your trash. Go to [www.dontflushdrugs.com](http://www.dontflushdrugs.com) for details.

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don't  
flush

November 2013



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	Winter Solstice 21
22	23	Christmas Eve 24	Christmas Day 25	Kwanzaa Begins 26	27	28
29	30	New Year's Eve 31	New Year's Day 1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11

Help keep rivers healthy in the winter. Shovel snow and ice early and often to limit your use of sand, salt, and deicing chemicals. When safety requires it, try an alternative to salt. Deicers, such as magnesium chloride, have fewer adverse environmental impacts and are not as corrosive. Check labels to choose a deicer that fits your conditions and apply it early and sparingly.

**h<sub>2</sub>oheroes**  
salt less

**December 2013**

