



# Helpful landscaping tips for your home.



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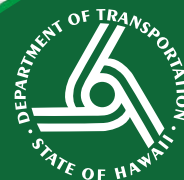
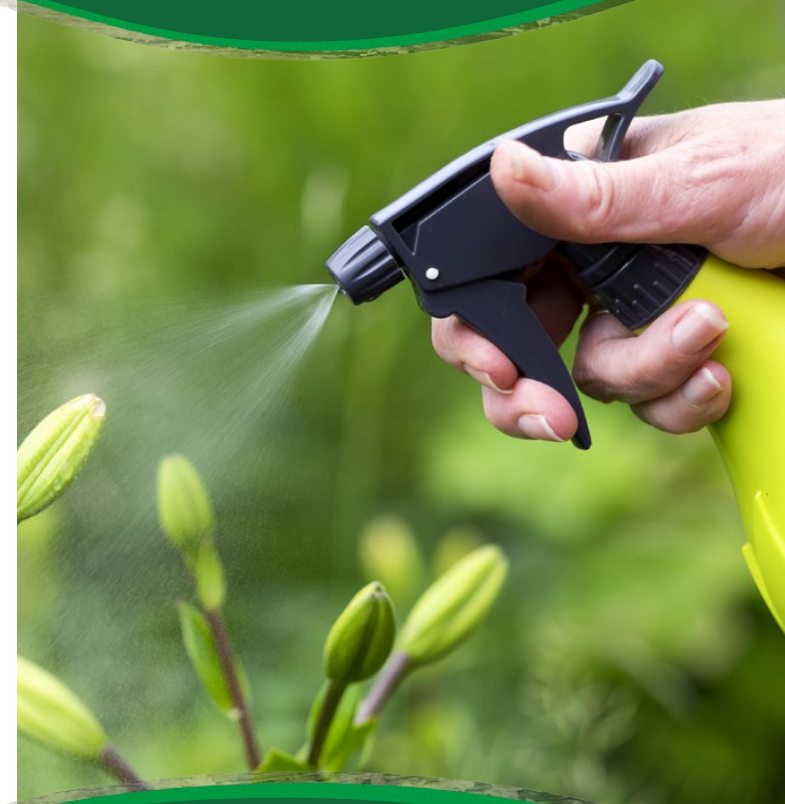
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**TRASH FREE HAWAII**

Let's all prevent harmful pollutants from going down the storm drain and into the ocean.

Here's what you can do to help protect our water.



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### Be careful with chemicals

Use pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers only as needed, and not before a rainy day. This will save you money and help reduce the chance of it being washed down a storm drain.



### Bag your clippings

After mowing, place grass clippings in a trash bag or C&C green bin to prevent them from going down the storm drain when it rains. Clippings can cause algae to grow, which uses up oxygen in water. This harms fish, coral and other marine life.

### Rain barrels work

A rain barrel captures rain that drains from your roof, decreasing the chance of storm water transporting pollutants into the storm drain. The captured water may be recycled for irrigating your garden or washing your car.



### Build a rain garden

A rain garden collects storm water runoff and allows it to percolate into the soil over time, rather than traveling over an impermeable surface, which may contain chemical pollutants and debris.



### Grow native

Native and drought-resistant plants thrive on natural rainfall and help to prevent soil erosion. They also tend to have extensive root structures that help to stabilize soil and aid in efficient infiltration.

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