



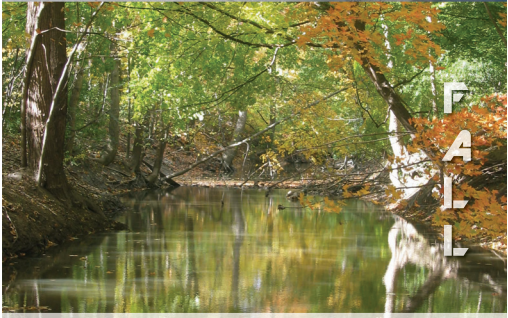
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PROTECT THE ROUGE RIVER WATERSHED ALL SEASON LONG

W I N T E R

December: Purchase a programmable thermostat and set it to lower the heat overnight. Recycle any holiday greenery, such as your tree.

January: Participate in the Friends of the Rouge Winter Stonefly Search.

February: Attend a Friends of the Rouge Frog and Toad Survey workshop.

March: Recycle or properly dispose of household products that contain chemicals, such as insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, and used motor oil and other auto fluids. Participate in your local HHW and E-waste collection day.

April: Have your septic system inspected. Install a rain barrel to capture rainwater for your garden.

May: Plant Michigan native plants. Use low-phosphorus fertilizer on your lawn.

S P R I N G

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June: Participate in Rouge Rescue on the first Saturday of June.

July: Don't feed the geese! Water your lawn in the early morning or late evening to reduce evaporation and use a soaker hose instead of a sprinkler.

August: Use a commercial car wash that treats or recycles its wastewater, or wash your car on the lawn so the water infiltrates into the ground.

September: Plant a tree to reduce storm water runoff.

October: Mulch your leaves for use in your garden and on your lawn. Don't sweep yard waste in the street or into storm drains or streams.

November: Drain your rain barrel and store it for the winter.

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