

# Home Scavenger Hunt

## How RiverSmart is your family?

The things we do around our homes every day make a big difference on the quality of our rivers – even if you don't live near a river.

So to find out whether your home is river – friendly, try this RiverSmart home treasure hunt.

When you've finished, reward yourself with a family hike near your local river, stream or lake!

Give yourself five points for each "yes" answer, then check the legend to see if you are a River Superhero.



Be RiverSmart about things you do at home.  
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### In the kitchen



- Is the kitchen sink free of drips and leaks?
- Do you turn off the water while washing dishes in your sink?
- Do you use "natural" cleaning products instead of harsh chemicals labeled "poison" or "danger?"
- Do you run the dishwasher only when it is full?



### In the bathroom



- Do you fix leaks and drips from sinks, tubs and toilets right away?
- Are your shower heads efficient and low-flow?
- Were your toilets installed after 1993?



(more efficient, using less water)

- Do family members turn off the water while brushing their teeth?

### In the garage and basement

- Are utility sinks drip free?
- Do you fix car leaks right away?



### Outside your home



- Are outside faucets free of drips and leaks?
- Do you sweep – instead of hosing off – driveways, sidewalks and patios?
- Do you use caution when changing your motor oil so that none spills on the driveway?
- Do you wash your car at a car wash that recycles?
- Do you tidy up after your pet as soon as possible?
- Do you avoid fertilizing your lawn before it rains?



### 51-80 points: River Superhero

Congratulations, your home is river friendly! Take a look at our Top 10 RiverSmart Tips at [riversmart.org](http://riversmart.org) for more ideas about how you and your family can stay RiverSmart.

### 25-50: RiverSmart

You're on the right track. You recognize that your actions have an effect on our water, and are doing many things to protect our rivers. Take a look at our Top 10 RiverSmart Tips at [riversmart.org](http://riversmart.org) for more ideas about how you and your family can be RiverSmart.

### 0-24: Your Rivers Need You

Looks like you can use some help being RiverSmart. There are many easy things you can do around the house to improve the health of our rivers and the quality of our water. Take a look at our easy Top 10 RiverSmart Tips at [riversmart.org](http://riversmart.org) to get you started on the road to being RiverSmart.

**For more family friendly ways to be RiverSmart, try these sites:**

<http://www.epa.gov/OWOW/NPS/kids/whatwrng.htm>

<http://www.epa.gov/safewater/kids/games.html>

<http://www.neponset.org>