Take the Stormwater Runoff Challenge

Across:
1) The area of land that drains into an estuary, lake, stream, or groundwater is known as a ________.
2) Don’t dump used motor oil into storm drains. ________ it!
3) ________ of soil from barren land can cloud nearby streams.
4) ________ prevent flooding, improve water quality, and provide habitat for waterfowl, fish, and wildlife.
5) Maintaining your ________ tank will help to prevent bacteria and nutrients from leaking into groundwater and surface waters.
7) Wetland plants act like a natural water ________, removing harmful pollutants from stormwater runoff.
8) Leave your grass clippings on your ________ to reduce the need for commercial fertilizers.
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10) Fertilizers and animal wastes contain that “feed” algae and other aquatic plants harmful to water quality.
12) Polluted runoff from both rural and ________ sources has a significant impact on water quality.
16) Storm ________ don’t always connect to sewage treatment plants, so runoff can flow directly to rivers, lakes, and coastal waters.
18) Follow directions carefully when applying ________ on your lawn—more isn’t always better.
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5) Marking “Do Not Dump, Drains to Bay” on a ________ is one way to educate people about polluted runoff.
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