

### Stormwater tip – May 2018

Outdoor gardening activities and garden pests go hand-in-hand. Homeowners apply 10 times more pesticides per acre than the average farmer! Here are a few ideas of homemade pesticides to use in your yard and gardens, apply sparingly and not in the hot sun:

- Spider repellent – mix 1 tablespoon of lemon oil with one quart of water in a spray bottle, and use as needed in areas where spiders are a concern. A dishpan of hot soapy water (Ajax or Dawn dish soap are suggested) can be poured around the outside of your home, or porches or in garages to form a barrier. This should last several weeks or months.
- Garden pests – mix 1 TBSP vegetable oil, 1 tablespoon liquid dish detergent and 2 cups of water in a spray bottle and shake to mix. Spray your plants lightly every 7 days as a preventative measure or more frequently if there is already a pest problem.