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Automotive Repair and the Environment

The Clean Water Campaign and Georgia Tech Research Institute are working together to conduct an **Automotive Repair and the Environment Workshop** in Clayton County that will be held in September. The **free** workshop is designed for automobile service shops, trade associations and automobile service organizations and is open to the public.

The workshops will focus on best management practices for handling automobile fluids, recycling fluids and preventing pollutants from reaching our rivers, lakes and streams. This is critical to address because over 1,000 miles of stream are impaired due to polluted stormwater runoff. This pollution occurs when rainwater runs off the land and picks up pollutants such as motor oil. It flows off down driveways and streets then flows into storm drains or directly into waterways. Preventing these pollutants from entering waterways is key in protecting our rivers, lakes and streams.

These workshops will help you to save money at your shop, keep you informed about the latest information about how to manage hazardous and non-hazardous chemicals, prevent environmental regulation violations, and prevent water pollution from being generated by your shop. By attending the free workshop, you will receive a manual called the *Automotive Repair and the Environment*.

Advanced registration for the workshops is required. The workshop will be held on **September 6, 2005** at 10 a.m. at the Clayton County Water Authority Community Room, 1600 Battle Creek Rd, Morrow, GA 30260. For more information, call Azarina Carmical at (678) 422-2838 or register online at www.cleanwatercampaign.com.

*The **Clean Water Campaign** is a cooperative, multi-agency public education initiative spearheaded by local governments in metro Atlanta, supported by the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District and managed by the Atlanta Regional Commission. Its mission is to build awareness of water quality problems and solutions in the Atlanta region. For more information about the Clean Water Campaign, contact Kelley O'Brien at 404-463-3259.*

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