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.
6) Excess sediment, nutrients, toxics, and pathogens are all types of runoff _______.
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.
9) A single quart of motor _______ if disposed of improperly, can pollute 2 million gallons of water.
10) Fertilizers and animal wastes contain that “feed” algae and other aquatic plants, harmful to water quality.
11) Polluted _______ is the nation’s #1 water quality problem.
12) Polluted runoff from both rural and _______ sources has a significant impact on water quality.
13) The cattail is one wetland _______ that helps purify polluted runoff.
14) Too much _______ in water can harm aquatic life.
15) Proper crop and animal management on _______ helps to control water pollution.
16) Storm _______ don’t always connect to sewage treatment plants, so runoff can flow directly to rivers, lakes, and coastal waters.
17) _______ impact development helps control stormwater pollution through conservation approaches and techniques.
18) Follow directions carefully when applying _______ on your lawn—more isn’t always better.
19) Polluted runoff (also called source pollution) comes from so many places that it’s hard to “pinpoint” a source.
20) Yard and vegetable food waste are suitable additions to a _______ pile.

Down:

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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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Choices:

compost   nonpoint   sediment
drains    nutrients   septic
erosion   oil        storm drain
farms     plant       urban
fertilizer       pollution   wakes
filter     recycle     watershed
lawn      runoff      wetlands
Low

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