**Dos**

- Eco friendly material should be used for making idol, which are to be immersed in the river.
- Sewer connections should be obtained by each and every house hold in areas where sewer network exists.
- Conserve water
- Use mug instead of running the tap while brushing teeth or shaving.
- Take shorter showers to reduce water consumption.
- Check your water bill to see how much water you are using.
- Make rooftop rain water harvesting and recharging wells/tanks mandatory.
- Treated effluent should be used for non-potable purpose including flushing, horticulture and used of ground water should be restricted.
- Establish community nursery by using waste water
- Select Community level volunteers to check whether all the public taps and pipes are leak free.
- Remain vigilant so that no septic tank waste is discharged into the drains and should report any such incident. Septic tank waste is to be discharged at the designated points identified by DJB.
- One should manage and utilize our water resources wisely simply by making small changes and making water conservation a part of our daily routine
- Promote the use of non-toxic liquid disinfectant and cleaners.
- Industries on the banks of the rivers should be persuaded to reduce/reuse/recycle or treat wastewater.
- Industrial waste must be treated before discharge into the river.
- Convert the river banks into pleasant and clean areas for recreation and walks. Planting appropriate shrubs and trees on the river banks would enhance the Environment.
- Motivate students to make idols (murti) of clay and worship them.

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**Don’ts**

- No flowers/religious offering should be thrown in river Yamuna.
- Don’t use water supplied by Delhi Jal Board for construction purposes.
- Do not discharge contaminated water in water bodies
- Do not throw plastic and other wastes in river Yamuna
- Do not litter near water bodies including lakes, ponds, drains and river.
- Stop chemical pollution - If you notice someone throwing chemicals into the river or lake, or hear about such an incident, inform your local authorities about the matter.
- Do not block/stop natural drains by constructing on drain or dumping wastes in the drain.
- Avoid wasting water.
- Don’t immerse idols (murti) in dirty water.

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**Sources of Pollution in River Yamuna**

- Untreated waste from unauthorized colonies where sewerage system does not exist.
- Industrial waste being discharged into the drains.
- Construction malba being dumped into the drain and also directly into the river.
- Unchecked disposal of solid waste such as plastics, tins, aluminium foil, etc into the flood plains of the river.
- Immersion of idols (murti) and other offerings in the river Yamuna.
- Daily activities like bathing, washing clothes, bathing of animals, etc.
- Cultivation/vegetable growing with the use of chemical fertilizers/pesticides on the floodplain.
- Discharge from drains (17 nos.) such as Najafgarh drain, Supplementary drain, Shahdara drain which are out falling into the river Yamuna.
- Septage waste from the septic tanks in unsewered areas of Delhi.

**Stimulus Needed for Public Ownership of the River**

- There is urgent need to revive an interest in the River Yamuna and build public awareness about its importance as well as cultural history.
- Importance of floodplains, river flow, wetlands and rejuvenation need to be understood by school children as well as citizens.
- Plans for building Public Awareness and Cultural Activities centred around the River need sustained promotion by Governments, National Mission for Clean Ganga, Media and Educational Institutions.