

HELP KEEP POLLUTION OUT OF STORM DRAINS

PESTICIDES AND FERTILIZERS

Read product labels and use only as directed. Store pesticides in a covered area, in sealed waterproof containers. Never apply before it rains.

PAINTS, OIL, HAZARDOUS WASTE

Use water-based paints whenever possible. Clean brushes in the sink, not outside (sink water is treated, stormwater is not!). Have oil changes done at a shop or take your oil to the correct facilities.

GUTTERS, SIDEWALKS, AND CURBS

Keep sidewalks, curbs, and gutters in your neighborhood clean by disposing of litter. Brushing built up leaves off of storm drains can help reduce the risk of flooding too

POOL WATER

Do not discharge chlorinated water into storm drains. Dechlorinate it and direct it into your yard—it works as a natural filter for waterborne pollutants, and can help keep your yard watered

CAR WASHING

Direct car wash water into a grassed area so it can be filtered. Or if you wash in your driveway, ensure that the wash water is not going into the street or a storm drain

SOIL AND DEBRIS

Control erosion on your property by keeping healthy plants or mulching over exposed areas. Cover piles of dirt, sand, or gravel to prevent it from washing into storm drains.

PET WASTE

Take a plastic bag with you when walking pets and be sure to collect any waste. Do not rinse waste into curbs, side walks, or street drains.

LAWN TRIMMING AND LEAVES

Collect grass clippings or leave them on your yard for fertilizer. Do not blow leaves or other yard waste into the street



WHAT IS STORMWATER POLLUTION?

Storm Drains Go Right To Our Streams!

Believe it or not, whatever goes into a storm drain does not get treated.

Storm drains actually will feed water back into the lakes, rivers, and streams we get our drinking water from.

Stormwater doesn't get treated like greywater (drinking water, bathroom water, etc.) due to an issue of scale.

The average 1 inch storm on 1 acre of land generates over 27,000 gallons of water

It's not really feasible to treat that much water in addition to our drinking water.

So anything you put into a storm drain affects our natural water ways, and in turn, us

By dumping chemicals and waste into your storm drain, you're essentially hurting your wallet, yourself, and your environment.