

Stormwater Pollution

And little ways we can help keep our waters clean

Lawn Care

Excess fertilizers and pesticides applied to lawns and gardens; Use sparingly to minimize hazards washing into the storm drains. Yard clippings and leaves can wash into storm drains then into our rivers, try cleaning as much up as possible by mulching and raking grass clippings.

Auto Care

Washing your car and degreasing auto parts at home can send contaminants through the storm sewer system, Dumping automotive fluids into storm drains has the same result as dumping the materials directly into our river and lakes. Repair leaks and dispose of used auto fluids and batteries at designated drop-off or recycling locations. When washing your car at home try pulling onto the grass to prevent run off into the storm drains

Pet Waste

Our pet waste is one of the major sources of bacteria in our rivers and lakes, when walking Your pet, remember to pick up the waste and dispose of it properly. Flushing pet waste is the best disposal method. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into the storm drain and eventually into local water bodies.

Residential landscaping

There are many ways that you at home can help by using some of these little landscaping ideas at home.

Permeable Pavement

Traditional concrete and asphalt don't allow water to soak into the ground. Permeable pavement systems allow rain and snowmelt to soak through, decreasing storm water runoff.

Rain Barrels

You can collect rainwater from rooftops in mosquito proof containers. The water can be used later on lawn or garden areas.

Rain Gardens and Grassy Swales

Specially designed areas planted with native plants can provide natural places for rainwater to collect and soak into the ground. Rain from rooftop areas or paved areas can be diverted into these areas rather than into storm drains.

Vegetated Filter Strips

Filter strips are areas of native grass or plants created along roadways or streams. They trap the pollutants storm water picks up as it flows across driveways and streets.