

STORMWATER POLLUTANTS FIND THEIR WAY INTO WHERE WE FISH, WHAT WE DRINK, AND WHERE WE SWIM.

TAKE A DIP!



Everything that goes into our storm drains -

Soap,
Pesticides,
Auto Fluids,
Pet Waste,
Grass Clippings-

makes its way straight to our streams.

Stormwater pollution is a big source of water pollution. It all adds up. It all comes back. And you're the solution, to stormwater pollution.

Stormwater Pollution Solutions

Lawn Care~ Excess fertilizers and pesticides applied to lawns and gardens wash off and pollute streams.

- ◆ Don't overwater your lawn. Consider using a soaker hose instead of a sprinkler.
- ◆ Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. When use is necessary, use these chemicals in the recommended amounts.
- ◆ Compost or mulch yard waste. Don't leave it in the street or sweep it into storm drains or streams.

Auto Care~ washing your car and degreasing auto parts at home can send detergents and other contaminants through the storm sewer system.

- ◆ Use a commercial car wash that treats or recycles its wastewater, or wash your car on your grass so the water infiltrates into the ground.
- ◆ Repair leaks and dispose of used auto fluids and batteries at designated drop-off or recycling locations.

Pet Waste~ 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 waterbodies.

- ◆ When walking your pet, remember to pick up the waste and dispose of it properly.
- ◆ Flushing pet waste is the best disposal method.

Commercial~ Dirt, oil, and debris that collect in parking lots can be washed into the storm sewer system and eventually enter local waterbodies.

- ◆ Sweep up litter and debris from sidewalks, driveways and parking lots, especially around storm drains.
- ◆ Cover grease storage containers and dumpsters and keep them clean to avoid leaks.



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