

When it Rains, It Drains

Understand Stormwater Runoff & Water Contamination

When it rains, surfaces like driveways, sidewalks and streets prevent storm water runoff from naturally soaking into the ground.

The first inch of rainfall is responsible for the bulk of the pollutants in stormwater runoff.

Stormwater runoff carries pollutants into your waterways.

Runoff Picks Up:

- Pet Waste
- Fertilizers
- Motor Oil
- Detergents
- Chemicals
- Trash



10 Things You Can do to Prevent Water Contamination

1. Recycle your used motor oil and other auto fluids.
2. Fix oil, radiator and transmission leaks in your car.
3. Pick up pet waste and dispose of it in the toilet or in the trash.
4. Wash your car in the grass or at a car wash that utilizes a water reclamation system.
5. Dispose of hazardous home chemicals, unused medications and oil based paint products at your local hazardous waste site.
6. Use pesticides and other lawn chemicals sparingly
7. Pick up and properly dispose of leaves and grass clippings.
8. Install a rain garden, use a rain barrel and reduce impervious surfaces around your home.
9. Plant trees and plants that serve as natural filters.
10. Always use a trash can to dispose of waste and recycle reusable materials.