

STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION TIPS

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SUMMER STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Stormwater runoff is a major pollutant of our local waterways. It flows from rooftops, over paved streets, sidewalks, parking lots, across bare soil and lawns. As it flows, runoff collects and transports many different kinds of pollutants. This water drains directly into nearby creeks and streams without being treated at a sewage plant.

Luckily, there are many steps that you can take to help reduce the amount of pollutants entering our waterways.

Here are some tips to manage stormwater pollution this summer:

- **Pick up after your dog.** Their waste is not natural, its full of bacteria and excess nutrients that will create algae blooms and contaminate local waterways.
- **Water your lawn & garden slowly.** Only water your grass and plants when necessary. When watering, be sure to do so slowly to reduce runoff. Consider investing in irrigation hoses or gator bags where possible.
- **Wash your car the right way.** Either wash it at a car wash that filters wastewater, or in a grassy area.

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