



What is Stormwater?

Stormwater is water from rain or melting snow that does not soak into the ground.

As it flows, stormwater runoff collects & transports the following pollutants:

- Fertilizer
- Grass Clippings
- Leaves
- Pesticides
- Vehicle Fluids
- Pet Waste
- Cigarette Butts
- Deicing Products
- Sediment

Storm drains along curbs do **not** go to waste water treatment plants, but enters waterbodies that we use for swimming, fishing and providing drinking water.

Who We Are...

The Public Works Department carries out annual programs determined by the City Council and manages daily operations under the direction of the City Manager.

The Public Works Department is also responsible for handling many issues about which citizens are concerned, including:

- Street and public right-of-way maintenance
- Water and wastewater systems maintenance
- Engineering and stormwater drainage systems maintenance
- Maintenance of City parks & buildings
- Leaf Pick-up & Snow Removal

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*Stormwater Management for
Homeowners*



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Leaves near storm drain

Why is it important to manage stormwater and polluted runoff?

There is a high price to be paid for polluted waters. Communities that use surface water for their drinking water must pay much more to clean up polluted water than clean water.

Wildlife in creeks, streams, rivers and lakes are hurt by the dirt from erosion, fertilizer, soaps and other chemicals that damage plants and animals when they enter water.

The quantity of stormwater is also a problem. When stormwater falls onto hard surfaces like roads, roofs, driveways and parking lots, it cannot seep into the ground, so it runs off to lower areas. Because more water runs off hard surfaces, developed areas can experience local flooding.

What can we do to reduce pollutants entering the water system...

- Do not pile leaves in the street
- Do not blow grass clippings into the street
- Use pesticides as recommended & sparingly
- Use commercial car washes to wash your car
- Check your car, boat & motorcycles for leaks
- Clean up spills with absorbent materials
- Turn down spouts towards grass and away from foundations and paved surfaces



Rain Barrel



Rain Garden

Helpful Stormwater Habits for Homeowners...

Install rain barrels to water lawns and gardens in dry weather.

Create a rain garden to collect water & pollutants.

Select native plants and grasses that are drought resistant.

Why should I care?

We all drink water, so we are all affected when our water is polluted. When water treatment costs rise, so do drinking water costs.

If you like to fish, swim or boat, you may have been affected by advisory warnings of unhealthy water or too much algae in your area.

Clams & oysters cannot be harvested from polluted waters, so anyone that enjoys eating or works in the shellfish industry is affected.

When we pollute our water, everyone is affected.