



Lawn Care and Stormwater

Proper lawn care can go a long way to prevent unnecessary stormwater pollution in your community. Helpful hints include:

- Take care not to overwater your lawn •
- Avoid disposal of clippings, debris, or anything other than stormwater into the storm drains •
- Minimize use of fertilizers and pesticides and follow all application instructions •

Grass clippings and debris can clog drains and cause stormwater back-ups and flooding. Here are a few places for your trimmings:

- Sweep, collect, and bag grass clippings and leaves •
- Blow grass clippings back onto the lawn where they can become a mulch and natural fertilizer •
- Rake or blow leaves into a compost pile, where they can decompose •

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Household Oils, Fats and Grease

Improper Disposal of Oils, Fats and Grease is one of the leading causes of water pollution.

Oils, Fats and Grease clog sewer lines over time. When the wastewater cannot make its way through the sewer pipes it overflows into our homes, streets, lawns and most importantly our Storm Drains. This pollution is detrimental to local waterways.



Proper Disposal Methods:

Dispose of them at a local facility

Save them in containers and dispose with trash

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What about Oil from vehicles?

How to minimize dangerous and hazardous vehicle fluids from entering our waterways:

Check your vehicle for any fluid drips and fix all leaks

Use a drip pan under your vehicle during maintenance and when there is a leak

Properly clean up spills with sawdust, kitty litter, or other absorbent and dispose of it

Recycle used motor oil at a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility



Did you know?

Oil from one oil change can pollute nearly a million gallons of freshwater.

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The Scoop on Poop

How does pet waste affect our water quality?



Leaving behind your pet's waste is a form of *Storm Water Pollution*. Be a responsible pet owner, scoop the poop!

When left behind, pet waste on sidewalks, streets, or yards can be carried by rainwater through the storm sewer system directly into our local water bodies without any treatment. Pet waste is a major contributor of bacteria and pollution to the detriment of our water quality.

What can you do to limit your impact?

- Always pick up pet waste •
- Carry disposable bags on your walk •
- Throw away pet waste or remove from bag & flush it down the toilet •
- Encourage others to pick up pet waste •

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