What You Can Do

1. Prevent water, other than rain water, from entering storm drains and ditches.
2. Properly dispose of, or recycle motor oil, antifreeze, paint, solvents, and other materials.
3. Keep leaves, grass clippings, pet waste, soil, and litter out of storm drains, ditches, creeks, and ponds.
4. Use no-toxic alternatives and reduce or eliminate pesticide use.
5. Plant native species to protect bare soil and prevent erosion.
6. Participate in activities to learn more about stormwater.
Impacts of Stormwater

Stormwater runoff is flow generated from hardened surfaces (e.g., streets, driveways, rooftops, and parking lots) agricultural land and other areas as a result of precipitation.

Where does stormwater go?

Stormwater flows over the surface and enters the nearest storm drain or drainage ditch. From the drains and ditches, the water is discharged Untreated into the nearest stream or river.

Pollution (Water Quality)

Major Pollutants found in stormwater runoff include:

- Sediment
- Nutrients
- Petroleum
- Litter
- Bacteria
- Fertilizers

Flooding (Water Quantity)

Increased hardened surfaces in urban areas results in more water draining directly into streams. The increased flow causes flooding and erosion of stream banks.

Solutions

Education & Outreach

Changes in Local Policies

Best Management Practices

To report stormwater concerns contact:

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