

“Tackle Pollution, Root and Cheer
to Keep Our Stormwater Clear”



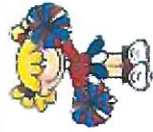
“Only Rain Down the Drain”

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Let's tackle pollution and cheer each other on by doing what we can to keep our water clean!



Stormwater runoff is precipitation from rain or snowmelt that flows over the ground. As it flows, it can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and deposit them into a storm sewer or waterbody. Anything that enters a storm sewer flows untreated into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water. Only 1% of our water is usable, drinkable water. We can not afford to pollute and contaminate it.

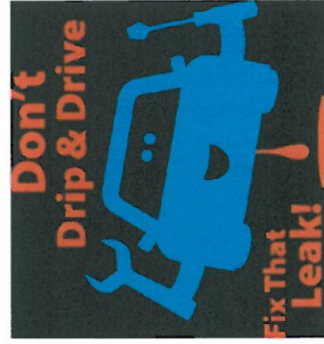


Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle!

Reduce the amount of waste you make by reusing things (bottles, shopping bags, etc.). Recycle all acceptable materials and use your garbage can for all other trash.

Your car contains fluids that allow it to function properly. When fluids leak, larger problems may occur. Fixing a small leak now may prevent expensive car repairs in the future.

Fluids in your car can be extremely toxic. Fix leaks so children and pets are not exposed to toxic puddles or toxic fluids that could be ingested.



Sewers and storm drains are not the same thing. Waste water from sinks, showers, and washing machines will travel through the sanitary sewer system to a waste water treatment plant where it is extensively treated before being discharged. However, the water entering storm drains flows untreated to lakes, streams, and rivers.



Surface waters are sources of drinking water, so we need to do our part to clean up pollution and to educate others not to litter.



Do Not Litter!

Cigarette filters/butts are NOT biodegradable. The acetate filters take years to decompose, and the toxic chemicals trapped in the filters can leak, threatening our water resources.



Pick up pet waste and dispose of it in the toilet or trash. Hosing dirt and pet waste into storm drains sends it directly to the creeks and rivers.



Use pesticides sparingly. Fertilize only as needed using natural, organic, or other slow release fertilizers. Do not apply them if it is supposed to rain. Sweep grass clippings and dirt back into the yard.