

When It Rains, It Drains

~Stormwater Pollution~



Debris, chemicals, dirt, and many other pollutants get carried away with storm water. This causes **flooding** and **erosion** of stream banks. Storm water systems are made up of pipes and roadside ditches that storm water travel through. Ultimately, that storm water streams into a **lake, stream, river, coastal water, or wetland**. One of the main concerns is that **the same polluted storm water empties into our water** along the way and storm water does not get treated. So, we have a part in ensuring our water is safe and cleaner storm water, and to accomplish that we need to **watch out for the following pollutants:**



Pet waste left on the ground.

-Contributes harmful bacteria, parasites, and viruses to our water.



Fluids dripped from vehicles such as oil, gasoline, antifreeze, etc.

-Contaminates water sources and harm fish and wildlife.



Chemicals used to grow and maintain lawns and gardens.

-Pollutes stormwater and drinking water, pours excessive nutrients into lakes, and streams



Waste from chemicals and materials used in construction.

-Causes environmental degradation, harms fish and shellfish populations.