

COMMON POLLUTANTS

- Trash
- Detergents
- Paint
- Swimming Pool Chemicals
- Lawn & Garden clippings
- Pet and Animal Waste
- Pesticides
- Fertilizers
- Soap
- Oil
- Grease



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THE RIVER BEGINS AT YOUR DOOR



WHAT IS A STORM DRAIN?

Next time you take a walk around your neighborhood, take a moment to notice the **storm drains!** These drains collect stormwater run-off and help prevent flooding. Unfortunately, stormwater collects pollutants as it flows through the community. This runoff is carried through pipes or ditches and is released, untreated, into creeks, streams, and rivers.



HOW CAN YOU PREVENT POLLUTION?

- Dispose of all trash properly. Do not litter.
- Store chemicals in covered areas to protect them from rainfall.
- Soak up small chemical spills with cat litter and dispose of it in the trash.
- Dispose of paints and solvents at a hazardous waste collection center.
- Wash your car at a local car washing facility.
- When working in your yard, avoid blowing debris into the road. Bag, mulch, or compost it instead.
- Pick up pet waste and dispose of it in the trash.

REPORT NON-EMERGENCY INCIDENTS BY CALLING 3-1-1 OR CREATE A SERVICE REQUEST ONLINE BY SCANNING THE QR CODE



WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Every pollutant that is caught in the storm drain system eventually finds its way to our local streams, creeks, and rivers.

Aquatic wildlife depend on a clean environment to live. Your help in preventing pollution will help protect water quality and our ecosystem.