

Stormwater Runoff



- Stormwater Runoff occurs when precipitation from rain flows over the ground.
- Impermeable surfaces (such as driveways, sidewalks, and streets) prevent stormwater runoff from naturally soaking into the ground.
- Stormwater can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants
- Polluted stormwater often affects drinking water sources.
- Polluted water sources can affect human health and increase drinking water treatment costs

Stormwater Pollution

Easy ways to protect our water:

- Vegetate bare spots in your yard
- Wash your car at a car wash
- Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil



- Clean up after your pet
- Don't Litter
- Use natural alternatives to chemical fertilizers and pesticides
- Compost your yard waste
- Dispose of yard waste properly

Stormwater Management

- The term stormwater refers to rainwater
- It washes down storm drains on curbs of roads and goes directly into lakes, rivers and streams
- Unlike wastewater, it is not treated, and can carry pollutants, sediments and trash into natural water resources.

**Take notice of these markers,
they are there for the
protection of our water source:**



For more information visit: www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater