

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.
- Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the water we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water.
- Polluted runoff is the nation's greatest threat to clean water.

Stormwater Pollution

Easy ways to protect our water:

- Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected regularly
- Wash your car at a car wash
- Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil

Leaves don't belong in the storm drain



- Clean up after your pet
- Don't Litter
- Use the least toxic pesticides, follow labels and learn how to prevent pest problems
- Compost your yard waste
- Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams

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