





ONLY RAIN DOWN THE STORM DRAIN

DID YOU KNOW...

-  Storm drains do not drain to the sanitary sewer and storm water is not treated at waste water treatment plants.
-  Storm drains are present in developed areas to prevent flooding by transporting water away from development.
-  Stormwater is transported by storm drain systems and eventually flows into streams, creeks, lakes, rivers, and the ocean.
-  Stormwater can pick up many pollutants along its journey such as trash, sediment, and nutrients. All of these can harm wildlife, their habitat and our drinking water supplies.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO REDUCE OR PREVENT STORMWATER POLLUTION

SWEEP / RAKE	Sweep or rake up debris on surfaces.
USE LESS LANDSCAPE CHEMICALS	Use less toxic weed and pest control methods. Avoid over watering.
PROPER DISPOSAL	Don't dump chemicals or oil down the storm drain.
DON'T LITTER	Place waste in containers for proper disposal.
POOLS AND SPAS	Properly maintain your pool and spa. Don't drain unless absolutely necessary. Check local regulations when draining.
CAR WASHING	Use a full or self-service car wash that recycles water. When washing cars at home use as little water as possible, use biodegradable cleaning products, and drain water into vegetated or graveled surfaces.
PETS	Pick up animal waste.
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COMMON URBAN POLLUTANT SOURCES TO STORMWATER

-  SOIL AND LANDSCAPE DEBRIS
-  PET WASTE
-  SOAPS/DETERGENTS FROM CAR WASHING OR CLEANING OF OUTDOOR SOURCES
-  ILLEGAL DUMPING/DISPOSAL
-  FERTILIZERS, PESTICIDES AND HERBICIDES
-  LITTER AND TRASH
-  LEAKING VEHICLES