

Did you know



- All the trash you can see and the pollutants you can't see – like toxic chemicals, pesticides, soap, and germs – end up in our neighborhood creeks, rivers, and lakes. So, let's do our part to keep stormwater clean.



- Only 1% of the water on Earth is readily available for human use. This water recycles through the water cycle. We are using the same water from years ago.
- In just ONE day, 450 tons of pet waste is produced by the estimated 1.2 million dogs in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area!
- The City of Dallas gets all its drinking water from reservoir lakes. When we pollute our stormwater, we increase the time and cost of cleaning this water before it is sent to our homes. Preventing stormwater pollution not only save the environment, it also saves you money.
- The pollution of lakes, creeks, and rivers can prevent us from enjoying recreational activities like boating, fishing, and swimming.
- There are over 70,000 storm drain inlets in the City of Dallas. When they become clogged with trash and yard waste, they must be cleaned. The cost to clean all 70,000 storm drain inlets only one time is about \$3.3 million.
- More than 7 types of harmful pesticides and herbicides washed down storm drains are found in the Trinity River.
- One gallon of soap washed down a storm drain can pollute 200,000 gallons of water.



If you would like a **FREE** presentation regarding stormwater pollution prevention or permit requirements, contact the Stormwater Management Outreach Team at stormwater@dallascityhall.com or call 214-948-4022.

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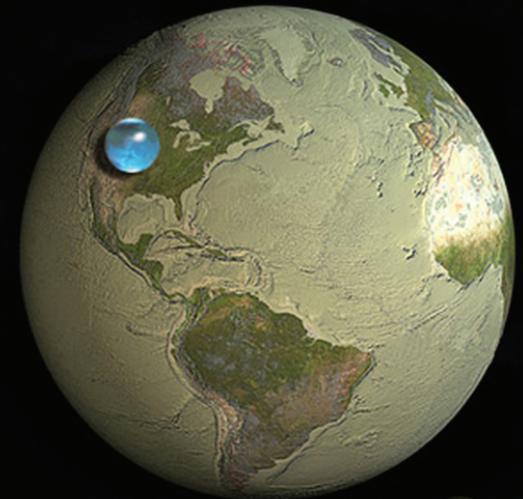
Visit www.wheredoesitgo.com and www.trinity-trudy.org for more information on stormwater pollution prevention.



City of Dallas

8ight BEFORE it's too late

What you can do
to protect your water supply.



8 things you can do to help keep our stormwater and local water bodies clean.

1. Dispose of used motor oil responsibly - recycle it.

Recycle used motor oil free of charge at most oil service centers, full service gas stations, or auto parts stores. To find a location close to you, go to www.earth911.org.

2. Take your household waste to a home chemical collection center. Use non-toxic alternatives.

Dispose of paint, oil, solvents, and unwanted household chemicals at the Dallas County Home Chemical Collection Center (HC3), 11234 Plano Rd., Dallas, TX 75243.

The HC3 accepts household hazardous waste from Dallas County residents for FREE. For more information visit www.dcf.org/hhw/hcc.htm or call 214-553-1765.

3. Use pesticides and slow release fertilizers properly. Use non-toxic or organic alternatives.

Follow all manufacturer directions; do not over apply.

Avoid applying lawn chemicals right before it rains or on a windy day.

4. Wash your car at a car wash.

Commercial car washes are connected to the sanitary sewer system, which discharges to the wastewater treatment plant.

Soapy water from commercial car washes is treated at the wastewater treatment plant before it is discharged into the Trinity River. Soapy water that enters the storm drain system is not treated before it is discharged into the Trinity River.

5. Keep storm drains free of grass and yard waste.

Sweep grass clippings and leaves from sidewalks, driveways, and streets.

Mulch or compost yard waste for future use on your lawn.

Yard waste can clog the storm drains in your neighborhood and cause flooding.

6. Pick up after your pets.

Pet waste contains parasites, bacteria, or viruses that can enter our waterways when it rains.

Dallas City Code requires pet owners to pick up after their dogs when walking them.

Dispose of pet waste by throwing it in a trash can or flushing it down the toilet.

7. Place your trash where it belongs - in a trash can.

Litter is unsightly, unsanitary, and dangerous.

Trash can clog storm drains and pollute the rivers and lakes we recreate in.



8. Report stormwater polluters and water quality problems.

Call the City of Dallas Non-Emergency Hotline at 311 or call Stormwater Management at 214-948-4022.

Remember, it is easier and cheaper to prevent stormwater pollution than it is to clean it up!