



Just remember . . . it goes with the flow,
so keep it clean!



City of Dallas

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What's the Big Stormwater Fuss?

Stormwater picks up and carries pollutants,
sediment, and trash into the storm drain system
every time it rains.





Even though most of us would never consider dumping things directly into a creek, we still create pollution through the daily activities we do outdoors. When it rains, stormwater picks up pollutants from these activities. The stormwater runoff and everything in it then enters the storm drain system through inlets and discharges **untreated** into our creeks, lakes, and rivers. Polluted stormwater affects our natural water resources.

Certain substances can cause negative effects to the water quality of our creeks, lakes, and rivers. For example:

- Fertilizers and grass clippings can reduce the amount of oxygen available in the water for aquatic life.
- Household toxic waste in the water can kill fish and other animals.
- Pet waste adds harmful bacteria to the water.



To protect our water, we must choose alternate outdoor behaviors. The list below gives helpful hints on how to reduce stormwater pollution around your house.

- Keep your vehicle well-maintained to prevent leaks. Recycle your used motor oil.
- Use a commercial car wash to wash your car.
- Read and follow all the directions on fertilizer and pesticide containers. **Do not** apply these products on a windy day or right before it rains.
- Dispose of your household toxic waste (paint, motor oil, lawn chemicals, etc.) at the Dallas County Home Chemical Collection Center. Call (214) 553-1765 for information and directions.
- Recycle whatever trash you can and make sure the rest ends up in the trash can.
- Pick up after your pets. The Pooper Scooper Law (Dallas City Code, Sec 7-4.8) requires pet owners to pick up after their pet if it defecates on public or private property that is not their own.
- Use a mulching blade on your mower to keep grass clippings on the lawn or use the grass clippings in your compost pile to ensure our gutters are kept clean.
- Call 311 to report violators.



If everyone does just a little to prevent stormwater pollution, it can add up a whole lot.