10 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO PREVENT STORMWATER RUNOFF POLLUTION

- Use fertilizers sparingly & sweep driveways, gutters & sidewalks
- Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams
- Vegetate bare spots in your yard
- Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected regularly
- Compost your yard waste
- Use least toxic pesticides, follow labels & learn how to prevent pest problems
- Check your car for leaks & recycle your motor oil
- Always pick up after your pet
- Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway
- Direct downspouts away from paved services

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ONLY RAIN DOWN THE STORM DRAIN

The Natural Water Cycle (Hydrological Cycle) plays a critical role in stormwater management. Stormwater begins with precipitation (rain) carrying all the way through the cycle, eventually evaporating into the atmosphere and then condensing back into the clouds. The land that this water flows across and drains to local rivers, lakes and oceans is referred to as a watershed. We tailor Watershed Protection Plans for each community we partner with.

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PROTECTION BEGINS WITH YOU

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that contaminants in stormwater runoff causes over half of the pollution in our nation's waterways.

Stormwater pollution is the toxic mix of bacteria, chemicals, metals, nutrients, and other contaminents that flows down storm drains to the waterways we rely on for drinking and recreation.

You can help reduce major pollutants such as pet waste litter, fertilizer, yard waste, pesticides, herbicides, motor oils, fuel, grease, paints and solvents.