



# Stormwater Smart!

## Preventing Pollution in your Neighborhood

Stormwater pollution originates from numerous sources throughout a community. From fertilizing the yard to changing oil in the car, the likelihood for pollution in nearby storm drains is present. Here are a few ways you can help prevent stormwater pollution in your neighborhood.

### **Vehicle Maintenance**

Proactively maintain your vehicle to avoid oil and gas leaks to save you time and money while preventing stormwater pollution.

### **Car Washing**

Use commercial car washes when available to keep harmful pollutants from running off into nearby storm drains.

### **Pet Waste**

Pet waste is the #1 leading cause of pathogen-impaired waters; proper disposal can help prevent the spread of bacteria and parasites.

### **Fertilizer**

Apply fertilizer sparingly to reduce algal blooms in near by streams and lakes which can suffocate fish.

### **Trash**

Don't litter, throw away trash in appropriate bins or dumpsters to prevent clogged storm drains which leads can cause flooding.