

WHERE DOES STORMWATER GO?



When it rains....

All of the water that lands on roads, parking lots, roofs, and other impervious surfaces runs downhill to the nearest storm drain. This water is called stormwater.

Storm drains are not part of the wastewater treatment system. They carry the untreated water directly to the nearest creek, river, or lake.

The problem is...

A lot of pollutants get washed into the storm drains along with the rainwater. Oil, grease, antifreeze from our cars, extra fertilizer and pesticides from our yards, trash and litter that accumulates in public areas, waste from pets-the rain washes it all directly into the creeks, rivers, and lakes.

So What?

- We all drink water. The dirtier the water, the more it costs to treat it.
- We're all downstream from someone.
- If you like to fish or swim, you like to do it in clean water! Polluted waters reduce the recreational value of our lakes and rivers.
- It's all one ecosystem. Wildlife suffers first, but eventually our own health is also at risk from polluted waterways.