

Only YOU can prevent stormwater pollution!

Where does stormwater pollution come from?

While industrial and commercial facilities can contribute to pollution, over half of stormwater pollution is from residential areas and people's everyday activities.

Pollution can consist of detergents, pesticides, fertilizers, paints, litter, used motor oil, pet waste, and other household hazardous products. If it is on the ground, it can end up in a storm drain or ditch.

What type of pollutants are picked up by stormwater when it rains?

Why should people be concerned about what enters a storm drain?

Anything flushed down a storm drain is not treated. This means that pollutants that enter a storm drain or ditch will go directly to the nearest stream, river, or lake.

What can YOU do to keep Nashville's water safe?

Don't let your car pollute!

Fix oil and fluid leaks immediately, and recycle used motor oil.

Adopt a stream!

Adoptions are for 2 years and require at least one stream clean up per year. Metro provides all supplies and trash disposal as well as a sign acknowledging the adopting group.

Put the trash in the trash!

These items do not belong on the ground or down a drain: litter, unused medication, flushable wipes, pet waste

Keep the storm drains clear of debris!

Only stormwater should go in storm drains and ditches. Yard waste, such as leaves and grass clippings, should be kept away from drains.

Scoop the poop!

Dog waste left on the ground can release harmful bacteria into our waterways, negatively impacting water quality.

Keep your sink draining!

Fats, oils, & grease will clog pipes, causing back ups in your home and sewer overflows that can enter our waterways. Pour out and wipe off your pans into a container before you wash them.

Let us know when you see water pollution

Submit a request at

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Email

StormWaterQuality@Nashville.Gov

Call 615-880-2420

