

What is stormwater pollution?

Many people think most of the pollution in our waterways comes from large industries, corporations, and sewage treatment plants. But if all the sources of this pollution were eliminated tomorrow, over half the pollution would still remain.

So where does this pollution come from?

All of us - in our everyday activities - are in some way polluters. It's our detergents, pesticides, fertilizers, paints, litter, used motor oil, pet wastes, and other household hazardous products. Over time, these materials accumulate on our driveways, roadways, and parking lots. When it rains, these materials are collected by the rainwater and carried directly into one of many storm drains located throughout Nashville/Davidson County. Anything going into these storm drains eventually flows into the Cumberland River.

What can we do?

Please be a good neighbor and dispose of litter, oil, pet waste and other materials properly. To learn more about stormwater pollution, visit <http://www.nashville.gov/Water-Services/Pollution-Prevention.aspx>.