

Only rain down the drain.



Ever wonder where rain water goes after a storm? Storm water flows untreated directly into nearby rivers, creeks, streams, and ultimately – the ocean. There are plenty of opportunities for this water to get polluted along the way. Trash, yard and pet waste, vehicle fluids and grime, pesticides, and fertilizers ALL can have negative impacts on water quality. By using properly recycling household items and garbage, and using simple and smart practices, you can help prevent common pollutants from entering the storm system and our water ways. **Here are some easy ways that *you* can prevent pollution.**

Come across
illegal dumping?
Report it.

(209) 394-8044

Bulky item?
Schedule a
pickup.

(800) 894-8980

Recycling
something? Take it
to Public Works.

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- Don't dump fat, oils, or grease down the sink or the toilet as it can lead to clogged pipes and eventually sanitary sewer overflows which have the potential to flow directly to the storm drain system. Use a metal can and throw it in the household garbage.
- Make sure to clean up any spills or leaks from vehicles. Properly recycle used oil, batteries, and tires.
- Prevent excessive runoff when washing your car and consider using biodegradable soap.
- Limit pesticide and fertilizer use whenever possible. Never apply these products in the rain and consider using natural alternatives.
- Take the bag off your lawnmower when you mow, keeping the grass clippings on the lawn helps to keep excessive amounts of grass out of the landfill and to fertilize your lawn.
- Always pickup your pet's waste and properly dispose of it. Don't throw it in the yard waste can, only the household garbage can!