

HELP KEEP OUR CREEKS CLEAN

Only Rain Down the Storm Drain

When it rains, stormwater runs over pavement, picking up oil, litter, leaves, grass clippings, and other pollutants. The stormwater then flows down storm drains and through stormwater pipes which empty directly into our local creeks, streams, and rivers. Storm drains can also become a hot spot for illicit dumping – trash, grease, pet waste, paint, cigarettes, and more. As a result, these pollutants make their way to the Catfish Creek and Bee Branch Creek and, ultimately, the Mississippi River, impairing the health of our waterways.

What YOU Can Do

- Use fertilizers and lawn chemicals sparingly.
- Sweep up extra fertilizer that falls on your driveway or sidewalk.
- Pick up after pets. Pet waste contains bacteria that pollutes water.
- Take your vehicle to the car wash or wash it on the lawn to prevent soapy water from leaving your property.
- Fix oil and antifreeze leaks from your car and promptly clean up spills to prevent them from washing into the street and storm drain.
- Don't throw trash on the ground including cigarette butts.
- Keep garbage and recycling containers tightly covered to prevent litter from being blown away or scattered by foraging animals.
- Don't wash off your driveway into the street.
- Don't dump oil or household waste in a storm drain.
- Don't mow grass clippings or blow or rake leaves into the street.
- Install a rain garden or bio-retention swale to reduce the quantity or improve the quality of runoff from your property.
- Use a rain barrel to collect and store rainwater from your roof that would otherwise be lost to runoff.

Stormwater Hotline - Call 563.690.6200

The City's Stormwater Hotline is available 24/7 for anyone who wishes to make a report of potential stormwater pollution. Help prosecute violators by taking a picture of the illicit activity taking place. If there is no answer, please leave a message and someone will return your call as soon as possible.



Adopt-A-Spot Program

The City's Adopt-A-Spot Program is a simple way to volunteer to help keep our community clean and beautiful!

Volunteers adopt a public space such as a street, waterway, park, or storm drain and make a commitment to regularly clean the spot.

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