

## Did you know...

Stormwater runoff is one of the leading causes of water pollution in the United States. Stormwater will pick up dirt, trash, oil, grease, chemicals, and any other pollutant as it flows over roads and lawns.

In the Valley Metro area, stormwater runoff does NOT go to a water treatment plant before entering our recreational or drinking waters. It is transported by drains, streets, gutters, curbs, and open channels directly into retention/infiltration basins, parks, washes, canals, and community lakes.



## Common Stormwater Pollutants:

- Motor Oil, Fuel, Grease, & other fluids
- Pet Waste
- Sediment
- Pesticides & Herbicides
- Fertilizers
- Yard Waste



**Keeping stormwater clean & protecting our surface water is a job for all of us.**

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Only rain in the stormdrain

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# STORM DRAINS:

Do you know where the water (and any debris) goes?

(We bet you will be surprised...)

It flows directly into our parks and natural areas.

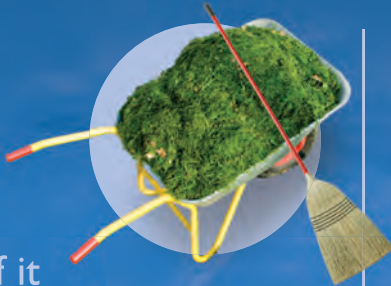
# Please keep our communities clean. Follow these tips to prevent debris and pollutants from entering our storm drains:

1

## Sweep

yard debris into piles & dispose of it properly, rather than hosing or blowing it down the street.

Think about composting or utilizing your black or green can to properly dispose of yard waste.



2

## Pool water

can become a stormwater pollutant when it is green, full of chemicals, or comes from a salt pool.

Check with your municipality for the proper method of disposing of pool water before discharging.



3

## Wash vehicles at the carwash

not on the driveway or street. Car washes have oil/water separators that help to recycle wash water.



4



Use pesticides and herbicides according to the instructions.

## More is not always better.

5

Be sure to pick up after your pets.

Pet waste can contain bacteria and can be a source of stormwater pollution that can wash into retention basins where families go to play.



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Keep your vehicle leak free.

Recycle automotive fluids at a neighborhood auto parts store.

**REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING INTO STORM DRAINS. REMEMBER: ONLY RAIN IN THE STORM DRAIN**