

What is Stormwater Pollution?

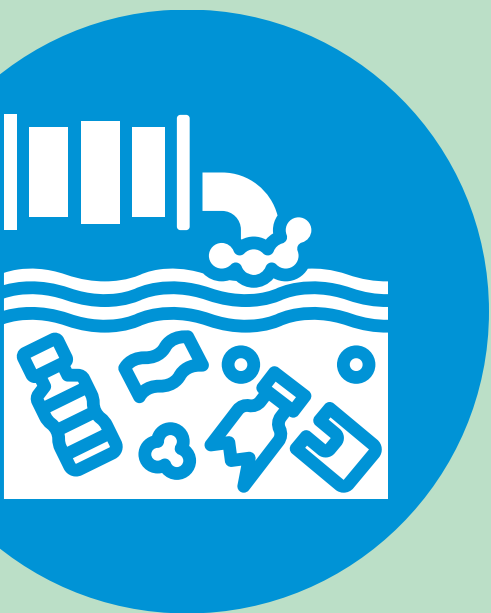


Stormwater

Stormwater is water that comes from rain or snow. Stormwater runoff is the excess water that is not absorbed into the ground.

Storm Drains

Stormwater flows into a series of storm drains on our streets to prevent flooding. This water is then emptied into the closest waterway - like a creek or stream - without being treated or cleaned.



Stormwater Pollution

As the stormwater excess runs along roadways, parking lots, and sidewalks, it carries along pollutants like oil, fertilizers, pesticides, litter, pet or yard waste, and sediment. This water then takes all these pollutants into the nearest local waterway.

Keeping Our Creeks Clean

One way we can keep our waterways clean is through awareness. Sharing the impacts of stormwater pollution can make a big difference. Picking up litter, yard waste, and pet waste are some simple ways to help our local creeks.

