

Ask your child what they learned today...

What is stormwater runoff?

Stormwater runoff is water that flows along the ground when it rains!

But where does this water go?

This water flows into storm drains but picks up pollutants first. Once in the storm drain, it releases at outfalls into local bodies of water.

But doesn't it get filtered?

Storm drains unlike sewers, **do not** get treated and filtered. **Everything** that goes into storm drains, come out at the outfalls.

What types of Pollutants are There?

Pollutants include: oil and other car fluids, soaps for washing cars, paint and other household chemicals, trash, pet waste, fertilizers, pesticides, etc.

Well, why should i care?

In order to keep the environment healthy for future generations.

The U.S. EPA wants to hold a certain standard to water quality and towns need your help to make this possible.

What can i do to help?

Take a look on the back page!

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

- First, you can help clean the water by limiting how much you pollute
- For your car: keep up with proper maintenance to prevent leaks.
Fun Fact: cat litter easily absorbs oil, making cleanup easier.
- Washing your car: wash over grass to help filter soapy water. Also use biodegradable soap.
- Pick up after your pets
Fun Fact: Pet waste contains potentially hazardous bacteria.

- Do not use more fertilizers than necessary. Excess fertilizer can cause algae blooms.
- Do not leave paint or chemicals outside unattended. Dispose of them properly when you are done.

Lastly, Don't dump down storm drains!

IMPORTANT: You have some say on how the town's budget is used. When voting, it is important to remember part of the budget can be used for stormwater runoff and environmental purposes.