



STORMWATER TODAY

DRINKING WATER TOMORROW

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO KEEP IT CLEAN

The rain and snowmelt that travel across all the surfaces of our City is called **storm water**. It moves across rooftops, yards and roads until, years later, some of it reaches another **destination**—**your tap**. Storm water collects and dissolves pollutants on the ground and carries them into our surface water or, as it sinks into the ground, our groundwater.

FOR A FUTURE WITH
CLEAN DRINKING WATER,
**take the actions listed
on the back.**



You can keep storm water clean to protect the quality of our groundwater.

- Never dump hazardous chemicals on the ground or into storm drains. Use the Olmsted County Hazardous Waste Facility instead.
- Put litter in a garbage can.
- Pick up pet waste. Dispose of it in the trash.
- Avoid spilling gas at the gas station.
- Recycle used motor oil.
- Wash your car with phosphate-free soap on your lawn or at a commercial car wash.
- Catch vehicle leaks with drip pans, kitty litter, or sawdust and put it in the trash.
- Use lawn chemicals in moderation.
- Apply phosphorous-free fertilizer in the fall at the correct rate and never before a rain.
- Plant rain gardens to collect run-off from your roof.
- Direct down spouts away from hard surfaces.
- Keep chemicals, lawn clippings, and leaves off hard surfaces and out of the storm sewers.

Answering Your Questions

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