

What is Stormwater?



During a rain event, water runs off roofs, down driveways and streets, and into entry points like the catch basin pictured above.



The water then continues to travel through the stormwater management system. As it flows, stormwater often collects and transports animal waste, litter, salt, pesticides, fertilizers, oil and grease, soil and other potential pollutants.

Fact:

In Georgetown, we have a dedicated stormwater system that is separate from the wastewater system.



It then travels **untreated** into the water we use for fishing, swimming, and providing drinking water.



Did you know?

Not only is that pond in your neighborhood beautiful, it also serves a very important purpose for stormwater. Ponds are used to prevent flooding, erosion, and pollution of our waterways. Two common types are detention ponds that provide storage for large rain events and ease flooding, and water quality ponds that retain water and filter off pollutants from runoff.

Tips for cleaner water:

- * Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly
- * Pick up after your pet and dispose of waste properly
- * Recycle paint and used oil and never pour down a storm drain
- * Drain pools into grassy areas of your yard or wastewater clean-out
- * Put litter inside a garbage can with a lid so it can't blow away

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