

Pet Care

7 Pick up after your pet outdoors if you are near a storm drainage system or water body. Pet waste can be a major source of bacteria and excess nutrients in local water bodies.

Home Improvements

8 Consider directing your downspouts away from paved surfaces and onto lawns to increase infiltration and reduce runoff.

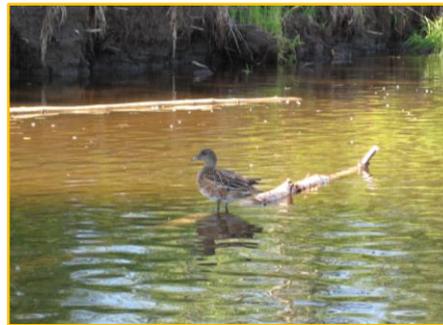
9 Do not place piles of soil, mulch, or other landscaping materials in the street or on sidewalks where storm drainage systems are nearby.

10 Sweep up outdoor work areas prior to storm events to prevent materials from being washed into storm drainage systems.



Clean Water is Important to All of Us

It's up to all of us to make it happen. Clean water provides recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, and adds beauty to our community. All of us benefit from clean water, and all of us have a role in helping and keeping our local sloughs, creeks, rivers, and lakes clean.



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Attention Homeowners!



10 Ways You
Can Prevent
Storm Water
Runoff
Pollution

Brought to you by the
**Fairbanks Storm Water
Advisory Committee**

What's Storm Water Runoff?

Storm water runoff is water from rain or melting snow that flows from rooftops, over lawns, driveways, sidewalks, and paved streets and into drainage systems that lead to nearby water bodies. As runoff flows over these developed land surfaces, it collects and transports pollutants to these water bodies without receiving treatment from a wastewater (sewage) treatment plant.

By practicing **healthy household habits**, homeowners can keep common pollutants like fertilizers, pesticides, grass clippings, automotive fluids, detergents, pet waste, and loose soil out of our storm water. Here's 10 ways you can prevent storm water pollution



and help protect our local sloughs, creeks, rivers, and lakes...



Lawn & Garden Care

- 1** Use fertilizers and pesticides sparingly, only in recommended amounts, and avoid applications if the forecast calls for rain.
- 2** Select native plants and grasses for your lawn and garden. Native plants require less water, fertilizer, and pesticides.
- 3** Mulch, compost, or bag your yard waste. Grass clippings and leaves contain nitrogen and phosphorus, and when disposed/carried to a water body can cause algal blooms and reduce the amount of light and oxygen in the water, disadvantaging fish and other aquatic life.



Vehicle Care

- 4** Never dispose of automotive fluids down storm drains, onto the ground, or into a ditch.
- 5** Regularly check your vehicle for oil and antifreeze leaks to keep these fluids off paved surfaces where they are susceptible to being flushed into storm drainage systems.
- 6** Take your vehicle to a commercial car wash or wash it on a lawn or other unpaved surface. Detergents in wash water contain phosphates and other chemicals that can harm fish and other aquatic life.

