

Clean Streets for Clean Water!



In urban areas, stormwater carries phosphorus and other pollutants directly into Minnesota's water resources through the storm drainage system. Unlike our household wastewater, stormwater doesn't go through a treatment facility, but directly into our lakes, rivers and wetlands.

Common pollutants include:

Phosphorus: From tree leaves, grass clippings, soil erosion, fertilizer, pet and wildlife waste.

Sediment: From exposed soil on construction sites, sparse lawns, and unprotected garden beds set close to hard surfaces like streets, sidewalks and driveways.

Bacteria: From pet and wildlife waste, failing septic systems

Toxins: Oil, paint, cleaners, etc. spilled on streets, sidewalks and driveways or dumped down storm drains.

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