

KEEPING OUR WATER CLEAN:

Should Roof Water Flow onto Pavement or Grass?

Your house roof, like pavement, sheds water. If downspouts from roof gutters empty onto grassy areas, the water will have a chance to soak into the ground. Aim downspouts away from foundations and paved surfaces. For roofs without gutters, plant grass, spread mulch, or use gravel under the drip line to prevent soil erosion and increase the ground's capacity to absorb water. Consider using rain barrels to catch rainwater for watering lawns and gardens in dry weather.

