



STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION TIPS

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SUMMER STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Summer is here, a time to for relaxing vacations, cookouts with family and friends, and lounging at the beach or by the pool! While the summer months provide us with opportunity recharge our batteries, it's important to remember that even though we go on vacation, stormwater pollution does not!

Heavy rains brought on by summer thunderstorms causes runoff to rush into local waterways, picking up litter, chemicals and other pollutants along the way. Additionally, hot pavement leads to an increase in the temperature of stormwater entering creeks and streams which can be detrimental for aquatic life.

Luckily there are some easy steps that you can take to reduce stormwater pollution on your property this summer!



Water your lawn and garden slowly. Only water your grass and plants when necessary. When watering, do so slowly to reduce runoff. Consider investing in irrigation hoses or gator bags!



Wash your car at a car wash. When you wash your car on your driveway or the street, grease, soap and oil can wash into streams and creeks.



Never dump anything down storm drains. Remember that storm drains empty directly into local waterways without being treated. This means that whatever enters a storm drain will flow into streams and creeks.



Direct downspouts over porous, not paved surfaces. Where possible, direct downspouts into garden beds, your lawn or consider installing a rain barrel.



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