

Join the Team to Help Keep Delaware's Waterways Clean!

You can help reduce stormwater runoff pollution by remembering these everyday tips:

- Service your car regularly to prevent leaks. Always recycle used antifreeze, motor oil and filters.
- Fertilize your lawn lightly and never right before a rainstorm. Replace chemical fertilizers and pesticides with products that contain natural ingredients.
- Take household hazardous waste to collection centers (visit www.dswa.com for drop-off sites).
- Wash your car on the lawn, so that the soapy water doesn't run down into the storm drain.
- Place litter in proper trash receptacles and take your recyclables to a local collection center.
- Bag or compost your leaves, grass, and other yard waste, and don't allow leaves or grass clippings to collect in the street.
- Put dog waste in the toilet or trash can to prevent disease-causing bacteria from getting into waterways.
- Notify DeIDOT if you see storm drains that need maintenance by calling 800-652-5600.
- Notify DNREC if you see illegal dumping by calling 1-800-662-8802.

For more information call



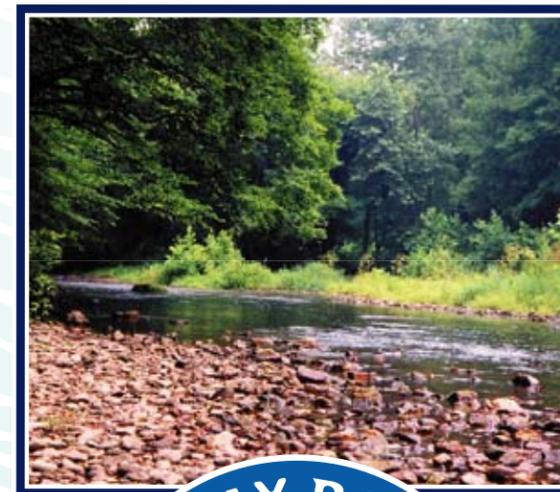
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One of the greatest threats to the water quality in our state's waterways is from stormwater runoff pollution. Stormwater runoff pollution occurs when rainwater washes over the land, picking up pollutants while on its way to local streams, rivers, lakes, and coastal waters. These pollutants include:

- motor oil and antifreeze
- household hazardous wastes
- fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides
- grass clippings and leaves
- animal waste
- litter



DeIDOT has hired a consultant to perform the inventories and inspections. In fact, you may have already noticed these crews in your neighborhood conducting the fieldwork. They will be placing markers on all of the storm drains featuring the water quality message "ONLY RAIN DOWN THE STORM DRAIN". These markers will serve as a reminder to all of us that what we put on the land eventually ends up in our waterways.

These pollutants are a major concern that can result in widespread water quality problems. Polluted waters can result in closed beaches, fish kills, and contaminated drinking water.

Water that enters a storm drain may carry pollutants. The Delaware Department of Transportation is implementing regulations under the Clean Water Act's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program, in an effort to minimize the introduction of pollutants from storm drains into Delaware's waterways.

This process began by taking inventory of all storm drains in Delaware. As the inventory is completed, every component of the stormwater system is inspected including: storm drains; manholes; pipes; culverts; swales; and best management practices (BMPs) such as ponds and sand filters.

