

STORM WATER: WHATEVER YOU DUMP IN IT, WE DRINK



What you can do to prevent
NonPoint Source Pollution

What is Storm Water (Non-point source pollution)?

Rain, melted snow and sleet runs off of buildings and houses, onto the street down into the storm drain or gutter which takes all of that water to our rivers or lakes. This water does not go to the wastewater treatment plant like sewage. Storm water is treated only once before becoming drinking water.

∂ **The number 1 pollutant is detergent.** If you wash your car in the driveway, the oil and dirt and soap run to the storm drain. If you must wash your car at home, wash it on the grass which slows down the water runoff, watering your grass (plus it is rumored that soap is a great insecticide). Just move the clean car off the grass quickly, to not get a citation for parking on the grass!

∂ **95% of the pollutants are from people dumping** or washing yard waste or dirt (causes the gills of fish to clog up) into the street. If 1 quart of oil leaks from a sitting car, over 250,000 gallons of water will become polluted.

∂ **Biodegradable does NOT mean safe-**it only means that the sun will eventually break down the object. People must not dump paint, grout and other substances down the storm drain.

∂ **Clean up after your pets.** Pet waste left on the ground will wash into creeks and lakes the next time it rains, contributing harmful bacteria, parasites and viruses to our waterways. The average dog produces 750 lbs of waste a year.

**REMEMBER
NO CLUTTER
IN THE GUTTER**

IF YOU SEE ANYONE DUMPING ANYTHING IN TO THE STORMDRAIN-CALL
817-230-0442 ANYTIME AND LEAVE A MESSAGE ANONYMOUSLY.