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**“Put Your Trash Where It Goes,
Not Where Water Flows”**



No one practice can solve all issues related to **stormwater runoff**. The important thing to remember is that every effort helps! Any practices you follow at home will have a positive impact on water quality and will benefit you and the environment.

Only Rain Down the Drain!

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Stormwater runoff is precipitation from rain or snowmelt that flows over the ground. As it flows, it can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and deposit them into a storm sewer or waterbody. Anything that enters a storm sewer flows untreated into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, and drinking water. Only 1% of our water is usable, drinkable water. We can not afford to pollute and contaminate it.



Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle! Check with your local solid waste district to see what is recyclable in your particular area. Keep styrofoam, plastic bags, masks, wipes, and latex gloves out of the recycling bin– they are NOT recyclable. Reduce waste with reusable products such as washable masks, coffee cups, and biodegradable takeout containers.

Fluids in your car can be extremely toxic. Fix leaks so children and pets are not exposed to toxic puddles or toxic fluids that could be ingested. If you change your own oil, use a drip tray and take used oil, filters, and batteries to an automotive store for recycling– most will accept these items. Go to a commercial car wash where the water is treated before going down the drain, reducing potential pollutants. If you wash it yourself, do so on the lawn.



Sewers and storm drains are not the same thing. Waste water from sinks, showers, and washing machines will travel through the sanitary sewer system to a waste water treatment plant where it is extensively treated before being discharged. However, the water entering storm drains flows untreated to lakes, streams, and rivers. Please dispose of all trash in the proper place. **Do NOT litter!**



Properly dispose of leaves and grass clippings. Start a compost pile. Never use streams, creeks, or gutters to dispose of yard waste. Sweep the dirt and debris from your driveway and walkways back into the yard.

Pick up pet waste and dispose of it in the toilet or trash. Hosing dirt and pet waste into storm drains sends it directly to the creeks and rivers.



Do NOT flush medications because they can get into our lakes, rivers, and streams. Prescription drugs can be disposed of at a local drug take back event or local prescription drug drop off box. - for a complete list of locations - <https://starkmhar.org/prevention-resources/drug-drop-off-locations/>



Remember, Only Rain Down the Drain!

Maintain your septic system. Have it pumped at least every three years. Repair or replace malfunctioning septic systems. Do not flush grease and personal hygiene products down the toilet or drain.