STORMWATER

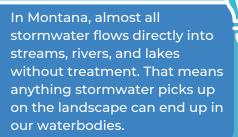
What you leave on the landscape can pollute our waters

What is it?



Stormwater is runoff that flows across the landscape when it rains. Storm drains are designed to catch larger debris and stop it from entering the stormwater system.

DID YOU KNOW?



Why does it matter?

Pollutants on the landscape can threaten aquatic ecosystems and human health when they get in our waterbodies.

Common pollutants include:

- Oil and grease from cars
 - Nutrients from yard waste
 - Chemicals from herbicides
- Bacteria from pet waste
- Sediment from construction



What can you do?

Protecting our Montana waters requires us all to act! You can be a Stormwater Steward by pledging to take these actions every day.



Pick up and dispose of pet waste promptly

Repair leaky vehicles quickly and take precautions when conducting maintenance to avoid spills





Avoid using landscaping chemicals when possible

Bag and compost leaves and grass clippings





Build a rain garden to collect runoff from rooftops and pavement

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