

What is Storm Water?

Storm water is water that originates from [precipitation](#) events, i.e. rain, snow, sleet, hail, etc. Often times, in cities, this precipitation is unable to infiltrate the soil and becomes [runoff](#)

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Why do we care about Storm Water?



We should all take interest and care about storm water because as [precipitation](#) occurs, it begins to move down into our ground water, into creeks, streams, rivers, lakes, and even the ocean. Along its way, this water carries with it pollutants we create such as oil, [herbicides](#)

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[pesticides](#)

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[fungicides](#)

, and other non-

[biodegradable](#)

chemicals. As these substances leach into the waterways, they

How can I help keep Storm Water clean?

We can all do our part to keep storm water clean by properly disposing of chemicals, oil, paint, trash, and any other items that should be contained in [hazardous waste](#) sites or landfills.