



City of Joliet Stormwater Impacts

Where does pollution come from?



Common Pollution Sources:

- Vehicles leaking fluids
- Lawn and garden chemicals
- Pet wastes
- Draining swimming pools
- Soil erosion from gardening and home improvement projects

Where does the rain go?



What can you do?

At home:

- Keep vehicles in good condition
- Follow application directions on fertilizers and weed killers
- Collect, flush, or bury pet waste
- Sweep driveways and sidewalks instead of washing with a hose
- Never dispose of household chemical products down a drain
- Direct downspouts away from paved areas and divert to gardens or rain barrels
- Drain swimming pools into the sanitary system so that chemical water can be treated. Do not flush onto lawns or into storm drains
- Reduce the chemical impacts of outdoor washing by using biodegradable soaps and washing over grass or gravel surfaces

In your neighborhood:

- Adopt your nearest catch basin, clear debris from it as part of regular yard work
- Participate in river clean-ups
- Know your watershed
- Report illegal dumping to 815-724-4220
- Participate in Stenciling of storm drains to say "Dump No Waste—Drains to River."



Water that enters a storm drain is untreated and directly flows into local waterways.