

# HOW STORMWATER POLLUTION AFFECTS YOU

When water from rain, snow or sleet flows over the ground, it's called "stormwater." Stormwater can pick up paint, chemicals, antifreeze, and oil. When that stormwater flows into street gutters, storm drains, and downstream, it can pollute rivers, lakes, and local streams. Follow these simple pollution solutions to help keep local waterways clean and healthy!



According to an inventory conducted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), approximately half of U.S. waterways classified as impaired are affected by urban/suburban and construction related sources of stormwater runoff.

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# HOW TO PREVENT STORMWATER POLLUTION

Some household products, such as cleaners, insect spray and weed killers, can cause pollution if allowed to drain into a storm sewer. Buy household products labeled “nontoxic” whenever possible.



## PAINT AND SOLVENTS

Clean water-based paints from rollers, pans and brushes in sinks that go into the sanitary sewer system. Use paint thinner to remove oil-based paint from brushes and rollers, but do not rinse down sinks or drains.



## AUTOMOTIVE

Keep your autos in good repair and watch for possible leaks. Take leftover or used fluids to a household hazardous waste collection. Clean up leaks and spills with an absorbent material such as kitty litter.



## LAWN AND GARDEN

Follow directions carefully when using pesticides and fertilizers, don't over water or use before rain. Pesticides and fertilizers adversely impact water quality and aquatic habitat.



## PET CARE

Pick-up pest waste as soon as possible and put it into the trash. Pet waste has harmful bacterial that can get into our waterways.

*For information on disposal programs for Household Hazardous Waste, contact:  
Utah County Stormwater Coalition 801-851-8600*

**Stormwater Hotline  
(801) 789-5959 #4**

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