

LANDSCAPERS: Help keep waterways clean in your town

Stormwater pollution is the bacteria, chemicals, metals, nutrients and other contaminants that wash over land and pavement, then down stormdrains and into our waterways—affecting the cleanliness and health of the water that we rely on for drinking and recreation.



Take simple steps now to prevent stormwater pollution:

- Use lawn chemicals sparingly. Never use more than what is recommended on the package.
- Use organic fertilizers and pesticides.
- Sweep up excess chemical spills and store products in leak proof containers.
- Keep stormdrains clear of grass clippings and yard waste.
- Plant rain gardens to help filter and soak up water.
- Encourage homeowners to divert rain gutters toward shrubs, gardens or lawn to reduce runoff.
- Make sure that sprinklers are watering lawns and gardens—not sidewalks, driveways, or the street.
- Use pervious materials such as bricks, pavers and stones in landscape designs.
- Speak to local conservation agents to learn more about EPA regulated stormwater pollution by-laws.



We're working with your town to reduce stormwater pollution. More at www.nepwater.org

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Prevent stormwater pollution in our community.

What is stormwater pollution?



Stormwater pollution occurs when heavy rain or snow melt washes pollutants down stormdrains,

which then travels untreated into our streams, rivers, ponds and lakes.

Stormwater runoff carries dangerous bacteria, nutrients, metals, and chemicals that **affect the cleanliness and health** of the water that we rely on for drinking and recreation.



Runoff is regulated because of the significant impact on water quality, and the federal EPA will soon be imposing requirements on municipal stormwater systems, which may be very costly for towns to implement.

Minimizing the pollutants that run off of your property and into stormdrains may

reduce the need for towns to raise revenue to comply with these new federal rules.

Taking low cost actions now may result in significant future savings for you in the future.

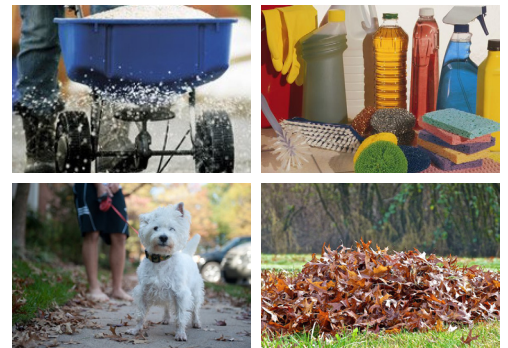
Follow the simple tips inside this flyer to reduce stormwater pollution at your business. Reduce pollution from:

- general cleaning, both indoors and outdoors;
- maintenance and cleaning of dumpsters and disposal areas;
- materials storage;
- spills;
- usage of cleaners and solvents;
- landscaping and irrigation;
- snow and ice removal.

In addition to statewide rules, you may be required to meet additional local stormwater control regulations. Check with your local town officials or conservation committee for more information.



Learn more about preventing stormwater pollution.
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Common Pollutants Include: Antifreeze, Detergents, Fertilizers, Gasoline, Household Chemicals, Motor Oil, Paints, Pesticides, Pet Waste, Road Salt, Solvents, Yard Waste