

Stormwater Pollution



Stormwater is excess rainwater that is not absorbed by the environment.



Stormwater runs off & picks up contaminants as it flows into drains.



There is no filter between the streets and our creeks, rivers, & oceans.



Would you want all that the next time you're at the lake, river, or beach?

Report Illegal Dumping



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polluting our waters?

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Common Pollutants

Litter



Do you litter? If you're not careful, the wind or animals looking for food might get to your trash. Plastic bags, straws, food containers, cans, and cigarette butts are commonly left out on the streets and pollute our creeks.

Yard Waste



Do you use a leaf blower to blow away debris? That debris doesn't just disappear. It goes into our storm drains and can even clog them. Yard wastes can cause flooding, smells, and nutrient pollution.

Pet Waste



Do you pick up after your dog when you go on walks or take them to the park? Dog poop is not fertilizer, and does not break down easily. Dog poop is a pollutant that goes into our water bodies.

Engine Oil & Car Washes



Does your car leak oil? If your driveway or parking spot is stained, chances are it leaks oil. Oil gets washed away by storms and enters our waterways. At-home car washes carry soap and contaminants into our waters.

HHW's



Household Hazardous Wastes (HHWs) are chemicals used at home. HHWs include old or used cleaning products, paint cans, printers, computers, cell phones, fluorescent lightbulbs, and batteries. If you throw these in the trash, they can start fires or contaminate our waters.

Solutions & Alternatives

Litter Clean-Up



Volunteer with [Keep Laredo Beautiful](#) or host your own clean up by renting out one of their free cleanup kits! Volunteers receive community service hours. Opportunities also include tree plantings, public art, and beautification.

Sweep It, Bag It



Leaves on the yard are fine. Leaves on your sidewalk, driveway, or curb are not. Sweep it instead of blowing it away... or waiting for the wind to do so. Use paper bags found at most stores. Leave your yard waste on the edge of your yard – not the curb.

Pick Up After Pets



Forgot your pet waste bag holder? Tie a couple waste bags to the back of your dog's collar, harness, or leash. Reuse plastic bags from the store. Purchase recycled or biodegradable pet waste bags online.

Car Maintenance & Care



Take your car for maintenance and ask about oil leaks. You could save money in the long run. If washing your car at home, do it over vegetation instead of concrete and turn off the water hose when not in use.

HHW's



Store your HHWs until our collection events on the first Saturday in May and the first Saturday in December. Can't wait? Drop them off at our [HHW & E-Waste Collection Facility](#) at 6912 TX-359.

Get Involved

We need your help! Be the solution and prevent stormwater pollution!

1

Educate family and friends whenever possible. Many people don't know stormwater pollution even exists. Talk to them about stormwater runoff and how it pollutes our water.



2

When you see something wrong, ask questions before making accusations. Point them to the right resources and/or services. Call us to help!



3

Preventing stormwater pollution can be fun! Invite us over to give an educational presentation or do an activity. Volunteer with us at local clean-ups and tree planting events.



Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumping is when people throw trash where it doesn't belong. Common illegally dumped items include tires, mattresses, furniture, oils, hazardous materials, and other items difficult to dispose of.

If you see dumping, report it to 3-1-1



WHO?	Vehicle or License Plate
WHAT?	Materials Dumped
WHERE?	Location/ Street Address
WHEN?	Date and Time