

The water that flows into our storm drains, also known as **STORMWATER**, is the largest source of pollution into our creeks and the South Fork of the Palouse River. Don't let the name deceive you though, stormwater isn't just from storms! Stormwater is the term used to describe all rain and snow melt that runs off our yards, roof tops, driveways and roads, and into our storm drains.

Did you know?



Storm drains do not drain to the sewer treatment plant.

Though none of Pullman's stormwater is sent to the local sewer treatment plant, much of it does receive at least some treatment from ponds, wetlands or swales. However, many pollutants cannot be removed completely and end up in our surface waters, like rivers and creeks.



Stormwater can make our waters unsafe for wildlife and general recreation.

Many of Pullman's approximately 2000 storm drains eventually connect to our creeks and rivers such as Dry Fork Creek and the South Fork of the Palouse River.



Stormwater is very dirty water and carries pollutants to our rivers and creeks.

As rain water flows towards our storm drains it picks up all kinds of pollutants, such as:

- Oil and metal particles from our cars
- Chemicals and dirt from our yards
- Bacteria from our pets' waste and from garbage and litter.



Stormwater Ponds, Ditches and Swales improve water quality.

Ditches and swales along roads and ponds elsewhere help collect and move stormwater to prevent flooding. These features help slow and treat stormwater prior to it being re-introduced into our creeks and rivers. Report spills or contaminants to (509) 338-3220.

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Only rain down the storm drain...



For more information visit www.pullman-wa.gov/services/public_works/stormwater_services/index.php

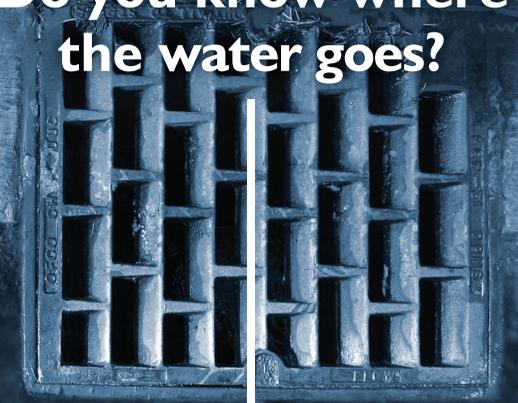


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STORM DRAINS:



Do you know where the water goes?



(We bet you'll be surprised...)



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This...

...Drains here



Tips to prevent pollution from entering our storm drains:

1 Always **Pick up** pet waste. Scoop it, bag it, trash it. Every dog, every doo, every time.



2 Wash vehicles at the **carwash** or on the lawn not on the street or driveway.



3 Choose organic or slow release fertilizers and use them sparingly.



4 Set sprinklers to water the lawn and garden only, not pavement.

5 Have private Sanitary Sewer Lines inspected or cleaned at least every two years to prevent Sewer Overflows.

6 Used motor oil, antifreeze and any other fluids that say "DANGER" or "POISON" should be taken to Whitman County Landfill/Transfer Station (252 Landfill Rd, Pullman, WA 99163)



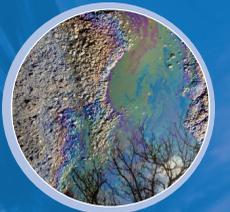
7 Use a mulch mower or collect your grass clippings to use as mulch to smother weeds in your garden. Never hose or sweep them down the drain.



8 Use cat litter to **absorb** spilled vehicle fluids or other hazardous fluids. Sweep the dried material into the trash.



9 Fix vehicle leaks promptly and use cardboard to catch leaks in the short term.



10 If using latex paint, rinse brushes in the sink. Throw items with dried latex paint in the trash.



PROTECT OUR WATER RESOURCES. REPORT SPILLS OR ILLEGAL DUMPING INTO STORM DRAINS:

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