

Learn About Stormwater Pollution

What is Storm Water?

Stormwater is rain that falls on roofs or paved area like driveways and roads. It picks up chemicals and materials that are not naturally found in our waterways i.e. fertilizers, cigarette butts, leaves, oil, soaps, etc. and carries them directly into the surrounding lakes and rivers. Stormwater is separate from the sewage system, unlike wastewater, rainwater is not treated, and flows directly into the bodies of water that we use for swimming, fishing, and those that provide drinking water. Polluted runoff is the nation's greatest threat to clean water.

“THE DRAIN IS FOR THE RAIN!”



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What's the problem?

Rain washes pollutants from the streets, and construction sites into storm sewers and ditches. Eventually, the polluted water from these systems get washed into streams and rivers with no treatment. This problem is known as stormwater pollution.

Stormwater pollution can have many adverse effects on creeks, rivers, lakes and water supplies as well as plants, fish, animals, and people.

Visit Texas Smartscape to learn more and see what you can do to help prevent Stormwater Pollution. You can help with simple day to day actions.



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