

Protect Our Waterways

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Daily actions affect water quality. Make good choices.

When water from irrigation and rain washes over yards and streets, it collects fertilizers, pesticides, pet waste, soap, oil, and other pollutants. The runoff flows into storm drains untreated and ends up polluting the nearest stream, lake or wetland.

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Nutrients from fertilizers, pesticides and soap can cause excess algae to grow in our waterways.

Over application of fertilizers and pesticides can result in runoff that carries toxic levels of chemicals or excessive nutrients into our waterways.

Too much algae harms water quality and impacts aquatic life, wildlife and people who recreate and fish.

Don't Feed Storm Drains

Prevent materials and pollutants from reaching the storm drain.

Stormwater runoff from rain and snow/ice melt picks up materials on the ground before entering the storm drains and discharges them untreated directly into our waterways.

Not in Storm Drains!

- Fertilizer
- Pesticides
- Chemicals
- Green Waste
- Pet waste
- Paints
- Soaps



How You Can Help:

- 1. Use Fertilizers and Pesticides Sparingly**
Follow Instructions | Go Natural | Do not use before it rains or snows.
- 2. Pick Up Pet Poop**
Pet waste can flow into storm drains and spread bacteria.
- 3. Direct Your Downspouts**
Point downspouts toward the lawn or plants, not the sidewalk.
- 4. Sweep**
Sweep up dirt and debris. Dirt on sidewalks and streets wash into the storm drain and pollute our water.
- 5. Compost**
Compost and amend soil. Healthy soil acts as a water filter.
- 6. Use a Commercial Car Wash**
Soap & dirt from washing at home can get into the storm drains. Wash on the lawn or a gravel area. Don't let the hose run.

**Colorado Water is Important to All of Us!
So Live Like You Love It.**



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