

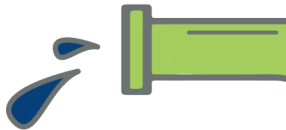
HELP US HELP YOU!

BY PROPERLY USING OUR LOCAL STORMWATER SYSTEM, YOU HELP TO ENSURE IT FUNCTIONS CORRECTLY AND PREVENTS UNNECESSARY POLLUTION FROM ENTERING OUR WATERWAYS... IMPACTING OUR ENVIRONMENT AND OUR DRINKING WATER. THIS SYSTEM ALSO HELPS TO ENSURE THAT ANY CONTAMINANTS ARE PROPERLY TREATED.

If you have curbs and gutters near your home or business, they likely lead to a storm drain. Storm drains are the metal grates found on local streets and transport anything that is washed or dumped from nearby properties into stormwater ponds. These ponds then transfer the water directly to nearby rivers and lakes.

Unfortunately, it's not a perfect system. Contaminated stormwater can flow from rooftops, paved streets, sidewalks and parking lots, across bare soil, through lawns, and into storm drains. Along the way, it collects and transports soil, pet waste, pesticides, fertilizer, oil and grease, litter, and other pollutants.

Therefore, if there are contaminants in the water that enters storm drains, they too will be washed into local waterways.



WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

By following these simple steps, our stormwater system – paid for by you, the taxpayer – will be easier to manage and less costly to maintain. And perhaps more importantly, it will go a long way toward protecting our environment.

If you have questions about proper stormwater usage:

813-780-0022

ci.zephyrhills.fl.us/260/Stormwater

SEE IT. REPORT IT!

To report **any** issues such as illegal dumping, storm drain problems, water quality, chemical spills, or request services such as garbage, recycling or those involving sewer or wastewater issues, you can visit:

SeeClickFix.com/Zephyrhills



YOUR STORM DRAIN IS JUST FOR RAIN



IT IS NOT A
COMPOST BIN.

LEARN MORE ABOUT
WHAT'S GOOD FOR
OUR CITY OF
ZEPHYRHILLS
STORM DRAINS.



(813)-780-0022

ONLY **RAIN** SHOULD GO IN A **STORM DRAIN**

That's because harmful substances or contaminants that enter storm water drains are not treated at a wastewater treatment plant. They flow directly to streams, rivers, and lakes without treatment, potentially harming plants, fish, and wildlife as well as corrupting our water supply.

Some common contaminants that can compromise our stormwater system include lawn chemicals, soaps, products advertised as "non-toxic" or "biodegradable," soil, and dirt.



WHAT'S **BAD**

NEVER DISCARD TRASH OR YARD WASTE INTO A STORM DRAIN OR ONTO A STREET.

NEVER SWEEP MATERIALS SUCH AS GRASS AND TREE CLIPPINGS INTO A STORM DRAIN OR ONTO A STREET.

THIS IS HAZARDOUS TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND CAN CAUSE FLOODING IN YOUR STREET.



WHAT'S **GOOD**

SWEEP DRIVEWAYS AND SIDEWALKS AND DISPOSE OF WASTE.

REMOVE DEBRIS AND RESIDUE THAT COULD END UP IN A STORM DRAIN.



STEPS TO MINIMIZE STORM WATER POLLUTION

1. Never dump anything down a storm drain or into a drainage ditch.
2. Recycle motor oil and other vehicle fluids.
3. Throw litter in its place.
4. Clean up after your pet.
5. Check your vehicles for leaks. (Repair them!)
6. Dispose of household hazardous wastes at designated locations.
7. Compost yard clippings.
8. Use fertilizer and pesticide only when needed. (Read the label!)
9. If you wash your vehicle at home, do so on the lawn rather than on pavement.
10. Tell a friend or neighbor about how to prevent stormwater pollution and get involved in your community.