

So What About STORMWATER?

Stormwater pollution is a toxic mix of bacteria, chemicals, nutrients and other contaminants that washes over pavement and other impervious surfaces and flows down storm drains to our waterways.

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**Stormwater starts as rain or
melting snow.**

**If it doesn't soak into the
ground, stormwater heads for the
nearest storm drain.**

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**Pollution entering the storm drain flows
untreated, directly to our beaches and bays,
contaminating the water and potentially
harming fish and wildlife.**

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**We all have a part to play in keeping contaminants
from our waters.**

Clean water begins with you.

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TIP #1

KEEP FALLEN LEAVES OUT OF STREETS.

Leaf litter leaches nutrients into stormwater runoff and contributes to Pollution in our waters.

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TIP #2

CLEAR STORM DRAINS OF DEBRIS.

**Leaf litter and yard debris plug storm drains
and increase flooding issues.**

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TIP #3

DON'T DUMP IN DITCHES OR STREAMS.

**Decaying leaf litter releases excess
nutrients causing eutrophication and
algal blooms.**

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TIP #4

COMPOST LEAVES & YARD CLIPPINGS.

Reduce added chemicals in your yard and garden by creating a natural fertilizer with composted leaves.

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