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.

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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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