

Love Your Stormwater

Tips for managing stormwater this Spring!

Precipitation is Nature's way of filling Earth's water tank. Without rain and snow, streams would disappear and wells would dry up.

Unfortunately, too many consider stormwater a nuisance to be rushed downstream as soon as it falls. But allowing stormwater to soak into the ground is an essential part of maintaining groundwater supplies as well as healthy creeks and streams.

Here are some ways you can "Love your Stormwater" and protect local water resources:

- 1) **Plant Trees!** Trees slow stormwater and help it soak into the ground.
- 2) **Install Rain Barrels.** Capture water for use in gardens or slow release into the yard.
- 3) **Reduce Lawn Mowing.** Dedicate part of your yard to lush leafy plants rather than turf grass.
- 4) **Reduce Chemical Use.** Fertilizers, weed killers and coal-based driveway sealants all end up in the creek after a storm.
- 5) **Reduce Paving.** There are many convenient alternatives to traditional pavement that reduce run-off.
- 6) **Go Native.** Native trees, shrubs and perennials are better suited for local weather and soil conditions.



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