



STORM WATER PROGRAM

LANDSCAPE BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES



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COMMON POLLUTANTS

- ★ Trash
- ★ Pesticides
- ★ Herbicides
- ★ Fertilizers
- ★ Leaves
- ★ Grass Clippings
- ★ Oil, Grease, Gasoline

MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

- ★ Do not blow leaves or grass into the street or storm drains. Blow or sweep the debris back into the yard.
- ★ Grass clippings that get into waterways add nutrients that contribute to algae blooms which can harm our water quality.
- ★ Adjust your sprinkler heads so they water your lawn and plants and not sidewalks or pavement.
- ★ Do not water when it rains to conserve water and avoid additional runoff from your property.

DISPOSE OF LAWCARE WASTE

- ★ Grass clippings, leaves, and bushes should be placed into a waste container or left on-site to mulch.
- ★ Large Tree limbs and branches can be put out for bulk pick up, or taken to a permitted landfill.

PROPERLY HANDLE & DISPOSE OF CHEMICALS

- ★ Don't dump chemicals down drains or onto the soil. Dispose of unwanted chemicals during the annual hazardous waste collection.
- ★ Be prepared for handling spills. Keep a spill kit nearby containing personal protective equipment and absorbent materials.
- ★ Cover spills with absorbent materials and put contaminated material into a sealed plastic bag or bucket with a lid, and dispose of it as hazardous waste.

BENEFITS OF A HEALTHY LAWN

- ★ Prevents Erosion
- ★ Filters contaminants
- ★ Grass absorbs rainfall and reduces stormwater runoff

EMPLOYEE TRAINING

TRAIN YOUR EMPLOYEES TO USE THE PROPER BMP'S

**WORKING TOGETHER TO PROTECT OUR WATER QUALITY
THE QUALITY DEPENDS ON US!**