



YARD CARE

Reduce pollution to storm drains

The chemicals we use to keep our yards perfect also find their way into the water we drink, swim in and the fish we eat. As stormwater travels across our yards, these chemicals are picked up and has the potential to travel straight into our lakes and rivers.

You can reduce pollution going to our storm drains by making these simple changes:

1. Water your lawn only when needed. Overwatering created excess runoff.
2. Adjust sprinklers to prevent excess water from entering streets and sidewalks.
3. Read product labels and follow the manufacturer's directions when applying fertilizer.
4. Avoid applying fertilizers before a large rainstorm.
5. Use organic fertilizers or phosphorus free fertilizers when possible.
6. Bag-up yard waste such as leaves and grass clippings and dispose of them in your garbage collection or compost if possible.
7. Re-seed and re-plant bare areas of your lawn to prevent erosion.

