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Storm drains do not lead to wastewater treatment plants. When it rains, what you leave on the yard, driveways and streets flows into the stormwater drains, then into creeks, rivers and lakes . . . where we get our water.

You can learn more about stormwater by viewing the “Know Where It All Goes” videos on the City website. How can you make a difference?

- Don't dump paint in stormwater drains. Instead, take your old paint to Household Hazardous Waste events. The City of Burleson contracts with the City of Fort Worth for up to two mobile collection events each year. Those events are generally in May and November (the next one is Nov. 12). If you can't wait, Burleson residents can take old paint to the City of Fort Worth's Environmental Collection Center (ECC), 6400 Bridge St., in Fort Worth. The center is open Thursdays and Fridays, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and Saturdays, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- When you mow, don't leave your yard waste in the street. Compost the yard waste, mulch while you mow, or bag it in approved lawn waste bags that can be purchased at local home improvement stores.
- Don't put excess chemicals on your lawn. Use chemicals sparingly and never treat your lawn before it rains.
- If you wash your vehicle in your driveway, use environmentally friendly detergent and a hand held bucket or hose.
- Is your vehicle leaking fluids in your driveway? Check for leaks and get them fixed before the rain washes the fluids into the storm drains.
- And, when you are performing maintenance on your pool, don't let the pool water go down the storm drain until you remove all vegetation and debris from the water and test the water to make sure there is no detectable level of chlorine and a neutral pH.

To view the “Know Where It All Goes” videos, go to the City of Burleson website, www.burlesontx.com/stormwatervideos. For more about stormwater, go to the City website, Departments, Neighborhood Services, Environmental Services, Stormwater.