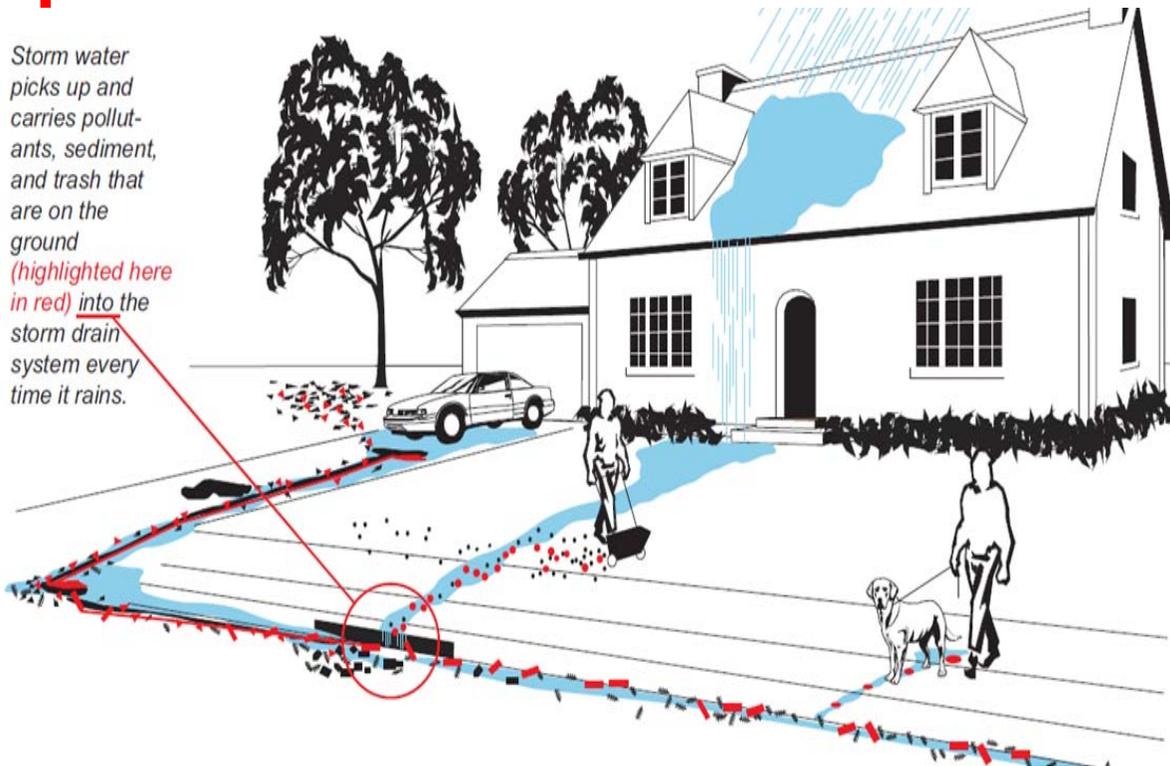


It Goes With the Flow!

Keep It Clean.

Storm water picks up and carries pollutants, sediment, and trash that are on the ground (highlighted here in red) into the storm drain system every time it rains.



Stormwater flows over rooftops, streets, driveways, and yards picking up pollutants along the way and depositing them into our storm drains. Contrary to what many people think, storm drains do not lead to wastewater treatment plants. That means that any pollutant in stormwater runoff gets carried directly into our creeks, rivers, and lakes without treatment.

Pollutants commonly found in stormwater include grass clippings, trash, soaps, pet waste, pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, dirt, and oil. These pollutants degrade the quality of surface water and drinking water, damage the habitat of fish, plants and animals, and can affect recreational uses of water bodies by making them unsafe for wading, swimming, boating and fishing.

We can all help prevent stormwater pollution by changing certain everyday habits. For example, sweep sidewalks and driveways instead of hosing them off. For more information on how you can help, please visit www.burlesontx.com.

To report stormwater pollution, call Environmental Services at 817-426-9842.



**When you're washing
your car in the
driveway, Remember
you're not just washing
your car in the
driveway.**

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Car Wash Tips

When you wash your car in the driveway, pollutants from dirty water such as detergent, motor oil, gas, and residue from exhaust fumes wash off cars and make their way into nearby storm drains. These pollutants flow through the storm drain system and drain into local creeks and rivers, without going through treatment. The pollutants that end up flowing into creeks and rivers may end up harming fish and other wildlife.

The following practices can help protect our creeks and rivers:

- Take your car to a commercial carwash. Most commercial car wash facilities recycle water or are connected to the sanitary sewer system that will treat dirty water.
- Consider using environmentally-friendly products labeled "non-toxic", "phosphate free" and "biodegradable."
- Conserve water by using a spray nozzle with an automatic shut off or shutting off the hose when not in use.
- Use a minimal amount of soap by using a bucket of soapy water to re-soap rags or sponges throughout the wash. Always empty buckets of dirty wash water onto landscaped areas (where the water cannot reach a storm drain) or into sinks or toilets.

For more information on how you can help prevent storm water pollution, please visit www.burlesontx.com.



Pledge to **Doo** the **Right Thing**

Take the pledge to pick up your pet's waste by visiting www.burlesontx.com. Click on "Departments," "Environmental Services," and "Stormwater." Once you have taken the pledge, you may enter your dog in the **2010 Top Dog Photo Contest**. For more information, call Environmental Services at 817-426-9842 or email bchafin@burlesontx.com.

Landscape Tips



Always follow the label on pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers. Don't over apply chemicals and don't apply before it rains.