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STORMS ON STREETS DRAIN TO CREEKS

Stormwater flows untreated down our streets and drains directly to local creeks. Thanks for doing your part to keep it free of trash and other pollutants such as pet waste, chemicals, auto fluids, fertilizers and yard waste.



How can I do my part? It's easy!

HERE ARE 10 THINGS YOU CAN DO AT HOME TO PREVENT STORMWATER RUNOFF POLLUTION:



1

Never dump anything down storm drains or in ditches



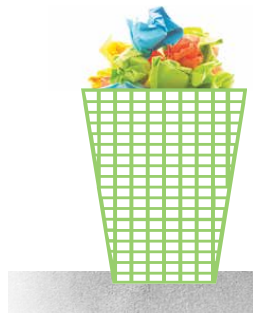
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Pick up after your pet



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Check your car for leaking fluids and recycle your motor oil



4

Don't litter! Pick up trash you see on the ground (even if it is not yours) and participate in a creek or watershed clean-up!



5

Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep driveways and sidewalks after application



6

Compost yard waste and sweep grass clippings out of street gutters after mowing



7

Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider using rain barrels or installing a rain garden to capture runoff



9

Use integrated pest management practices for controlling pests around your home. If using chemicals, use least toxic pesticides and follow label instructions



8

Take your car to the car wash where the wastewater is taken to a treatment plant instead of washing your car on a driveway or street



10

Vegetate bare spots in your yard and terrace slopes to minimize erosion

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What is Urban Stormwater Runoff?

Stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snowmelt flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, streets, and parking lots prevent stormwater from naturally soaking into the ground. Stormwater acts like a magnet, picking up everything in its path and flows into our storm drain system untreated to local streams, rivers, lakes and wetlands.

What is the NWA Urban Stormwater Education Program?

Nineteen Northwest Arkansas cities, Benton and Washington counties, and the University of Arkansas are partnering with the U of A Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service and the NWA Regional Planning Commission on a regional approach to stormwater management.

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