



How to reduce Stormwater Run-Off Pollution

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Stormwater runoffs is rain that falls onto streets, parking areas, sports field, gravel lots, rooftops or other developed land and flows directly into nearby lakes, rivers and streams. The drizzling or pounding rain picks up and mixes with what is on the ground:

- Oil, grease, metals and coolants from vehicles
- Fertilizers, pesticides and other chemicals from gardens and homes
- Bacteria from pet wastes and failing septic systems
- Soil from construction sites and other bare ground
- Soaps from car or equipment washing
- Accidental spills, leaky storage containers, tobacco spit and

whatever else ends up on the ground

The polluted runoff then rushes into nearby gutters and storm drains and into streams, lakes and rivers. In most areas, stormwater runoff enters these waters without being cleaned of pollutants.