



Be the Solution to Stormwater Pollution

Background

Stormwater pollution, also referred to as Non-Point Source (NPS) pollution, results when rainfall and snow melt is unable to naturally soak into the ground because of paved or otherwise solid surfaces, such as roads, rooftops, and sidewalks. Stormwater can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants, and flow directly to a stream, river, lake, wetland, or into a storm sewer system.



The Problem



NPS pollution affects natural resources by degrading habitats for aquatic plants and animals, and impacting drinking water resources and recreational uses of water bodies.

Each one of us contributes to NPS pollution through our daily activities. You can help reduce NPS pollution and keep our environment clean by making simple changes in your daily lifestyle, as indicated on the back.



The Solution



Avoid the use of fertilizers and do not apply before heavy rainfall. Pesticides are

toxic to humans, animals, aquatic insects, and plants. Follow label directions carefully or use alternatives whenever possible.



Wash your car at a commercial car wash. If

you wash your car at home, use eco-friendly detergents (non-phosphate).

Take unwanted household chemicals to hazardous waste removal days. Do not pour them down the drain or discard with regular household trash.



Repair oil leaks from your car promptly. Recycle waste oil by taking it to a recycle center. Don't pour

waste oil onto the ground or into a storm drain.



Compost yard waste. Never throw leaves or clippings in streets or storm drains.

Don't throw animal waste into the street or storm drain. Pick up poop and dispose in the garbage.



Radford City has prepared this educational material to meet requirements of their storm-water permit administered by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.

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