



Common Contaminants in Runoff Pollution

Everyday items we use inside and outside of our homes can become part of runoff pollution. Here are a few household items that need to be properly handled and disposed of, or they will become dangerous and damaging pollutants:

Home

- Detergents, cleaners and solvents
- Outdoor trash and litter
- Oil and latex paint
- Swimming pool chemicals

Lawn and Garden

- Pet and animal waste
- Clippings, leaves and soil
- Pesticides
- Fertilizers

Participate in the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day held the third Saturday in May at the City Complex.

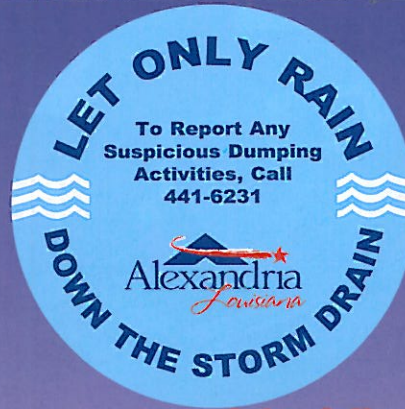
Automobile

- Oil and grease
- Cleaning chemicals
- Radiator fluids and antifreeze
- Brake pad dust



Did you know?

- ★ Large sources of runoff pollution include city streets, parking lots and neighborhoods.
- ★ Dumping one quart of motor oil into a storm drain can contaminate 250,000 gallons of water.
- ★ Local storm drains are not connected to our sanitary sewer system, so water in storm drains is not treated before entering our waterways.



If you see any of the following actions occurring, you are asked to call (318) 473-1376 to report a possible violation:

1. Dirt or sediment being tracked onto roadways from construction activity
2. Any hazardous waste, including household waste being poured into a storm drain (such as petroleum products, industrial waste, oils, paints, pesticides, herbicides fertilizers and other contaminants)
3. Draining of swimming pools onto roadways or a neighboring property
4. Filter back washing of pools onto roadways or a neighboring property
5. Any wastewater flowing onto roadways from commercial car washing facilities
6. Any garbage, rubbish, or yard waste that flows into the storm drain
7. Any discharge from dumpsters into sanitary sewer drains



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IT'S EVERYONE'S PROBLEM**

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Discharges from swimming pools

may not be drained onto your neighbor's property, across a sidewalk, or into a street. Discharges that cause erosion, transport sediment, drain into unpaved alleys, or cause pooling along the curb or in the street are prohibited.

Never pour harmful

liquids such as oil, paint or antifreeze in the street, gutter or stormdrain. It's very easy to dispose of these materials legally. Just call

(318) 473-1376 for details.

Clean up pet waste

and place it in the trash. Pet waste is one of the biggest contributors of harmful bacteria in runoff pollution.

Be sure to place trash and litter

into securely tied trash bags. Do not place on the curb until your designated pick up day.

The harmful effects of runoff pollution

Many day-to-day activities can cause urban

runoff pollution. By making small changes in the way we live, we can reduce the pollution we produce.

Urban runoff is a major cause of contamination of our community's waterways.

The problem is caused when pollutants like fertilizer, litter, motor oil, and pesticides enter the storm drains and impact our streams, bayous, and rivers.

As a result of urban runoff, many local waterways have an oily sheen or alter native plant growth due to fertilizers. Runoff leads to unsightly litter along our bayous and other streams.

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Use a broom

to sweep your driveway and dispose of debris in the trash. If you hose off your driveway, you can wash contaminants into storm drains.

Adjust your sprinklers

so they don't overspray onto paved surfaces. This will eliminate excess runoff and conserve water.

Don't

wash your car in your driveway

because soaps, road grime, brake dust and other contaminants will end up in the stormdrain system. Instead, take it to a local carwash that filters and recycles water.

