Stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation from rain flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, and streets prevent stormwater from naturally soaking into the ground. Stormwater in urban environments can pick up debris, chemicals, soil, and other pollutants and flow into our storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, bayou, river, or wetland. Anything that enters our storm sewer is discharged untreated into waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, and drinking water.

Many day-to-day activities can cause stormwater runoff pollution. By making small changes in the way we live, we can reduce the pollution we produce.

DID YOU KNOW?

• Dumping one quart of motor oil into a storm drain can contaminate 250,000 gallons of water!

• Due to impervious surfaces like pavement and rooftops, a city block generates greater than 5 times more runoff than a woodland area of the same size!

• Stormwater pollution can impact our local watersheds.

To report any suspicious activities related to stormwater pollution, call the City of Alexandria 318-441-6231

For more information, visit our website at www.cityofalexandriala.com

A citizen’s guide to reducing nonpoint source pollution for a cleaner Alexandria
WHEN IT RAINS IT DRAINS!!

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 and fertilizers

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

COMMON CONTAMINANTS IN POLLUTED RUNOFF
- Reduce your impact on stormwater pollution in Alexandria

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 Maintain Your Vehicles
- Keep your vehicle working properly. Fix oil leaks and clean up any spills.
- Dispose of automotive waste, oil, and grease properly. Disposal options include your local auto store or the City’s Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

 Manage Your Household Waste
- Manage your household hazardous waste.
- Keep your vehicle working properly. Fix oil leaks and clean up any spills.

Practice Responsible Yard Maintenance
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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 so they will not end up in our local waterways.

Common Contaminants
- Point source pollution comes from operations, power plants, and concentrated animal feeding operations.
- Nonpoint source pollution comes from many diffuse sources.
- Nonpoint source pollution is linked mostly to direct discharges from wastewater treatment plants, fecal, and agricultural runoff.