

Stormwater pollution is a problem in our community.

What is stormwater pollution?

Stormwater pollution occurs when heavy rain or snow melt washes pollutants down stormdrains, and into our streams, rivers, ponds and lakes.



Stormwater runoff carries dangerous bacteria and chemicals that **affect the cleanliness and health** of the water that we rely on for drinking and recreation.

Common pollutants include: Antifreeze, Detergents, Fertilizers, Gasoline, Household Chemicals, Motor Oil, Paints, Pesticides, Pet Waste, Road Salt, Solvents, Yard Waste.

Learn more at
www.nepwater.org



Stormwater pollution can come from everyday sources we use around our home.



Stormwater pollution is a neighborhood problem *and we need your help to prevent it!*

A few changes in behavior can make a big difference in local water quality:

- Pick up pet waste and dispose of in the trash.
- Use lawn chemicals sparingly (and use organic fertilizers and pesticides whenever possible).
- Sweep up excess fertilizer, pesticide, ice melt and chemical spills.
- Keep stormdrains clear of grass clippings and other yard waste.
- Don't allow irrigation to spray onto paved areas.
- Use pervious materials such as bricks, pavers and stones in your landscape designs. Avoid pavement and solid concrete.
- Plant rain gardens to help filter and soak up water, and divert rain gutters to flow to gardens, shrubs, or the lawn.

Learn how we are working to improve water quality in our town. **www.nepwater.org**



The Neponset Stormwater Partnership aims to reduce the cost and increase the effectiveness of municipal stormwater management programs through regional cooperation and resource sharing.

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