



KEEP POLLUTANTS OUT OF STORM DRAINS

Did you know that stormwater runoff is one of the leading causes of water pollution? Stormwater will pick up dirt, trash, oil, grease, chemicals and any other pollutant as it flows over roads and lawns into waterways.

In Tempe, stormwater runoff does not go to a water treatment plant before entering local recreational or drinking water sources. It is transported by drains, streets, gutters, curbs and open channels directly into retention basins, parks, rivers, canals and community lakes.



Questions? Call Tempe 311
at 480-350-4311.
tempe.gov/stormwater



Remember:
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the storm drain.

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Municipal Utilities Department
Water Utilities Division
Environmental Services Section

Please keep Tempe clean by preventing debris and pollutants from entering storm drains.

1. Sweep yard debris into piles and dispose of it properly. Avoid hosing or blowing debris into the street. Consider composting or utilizing trash or green organics bins to properly dispose of yard waste.
2. Backwash and/or discharge pool water on private landscape or into the sanitary sewer when possible. If discharging to the sanitary sewer, do so at a rate of 12 gallons per minute or less. If less than 35,000 gallons, dechlorinated pool water may be discharged to the street using a pump with a motor size of no more than 1.5 horsepower. Never discharge pool water or backwash to alleyways.
3. Wash vehicles at the car wash. Car washes have oil/water separators that separate waste oil and other debris for proper disposal, and recycle the remaining wash water. Refrain from washing cars in a driveway or street.
4. Use pesticides and herbicides according to the instructions. More is not always better.
5. Pick up after your pets. Pet waste can contain bacteria and is a source of stormwater pollution.



Be the solution to stormwater pollution. Keep an eye out for common stormwater pollutants.

Motor oil, fuel, grease and other fluids • Pet waste • Sediment
Pesticides and herbicides • Fertilizers • Yard waste • Litter

6. Keep your vehicles leak free. Recycle automotive fluids at a neighborhood auto parts store or Tempe's Household Products Collection Center. Visit tempe.gov/hhw for hours of operation and drop off instructions.



7. Litter is a major stormwater pollutant. Common litter found in storm drains includes Styrofoam™, cigarette butts, plastic bottles and plastic bags. An increasing amount of disposable face masks, gloves and wipes are being left on the ground and carried into the stormwater system. Dispose of all litter in the trash.

The City of Tempe needs your help to protect water quality. If you see anything other than rainwater in the curb, gutter, alley or street, please report it. Some examples include irrigation water runoff, oil, grease, swimming pool and spa water, construction waste, sediment, landscaping waste, wash water and power washing wastewater. These discharges pose a threat to the health of local waterways.

These stormwater regulations are required and enforceable by Tempe City Code. When reporting a stormwater violation, please provide photos, if possible, and a detailed description including the time, location, type of substance and when the violation occurred. Report illegal discharges to storm drains by calling 480-350-4311, through the Tempe 311 app or online at tempe.gov/stormwater.

