

So how do you keep this from happening?

The best way to combat the adverse effects of pollution is through knowledge and action. "Be Stormwater Smart." Take care to prevent outdoor pollutants and if you see something other than rain going into the stormwater system, call the Stormwater Hotline **(480) 350-2811** or go online to: **www.tempe.gov/stormwater**

**Thank you for caring
and making Tempe a
great place to live,
work and play.**



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Welcome to Downtown/Tempe Town Lake



Did you know everyone lives in a water shed?

It's true we might not see water from our window, but it's there. It might be a stream, ditch, or even a storm drain in the street. All of these eventually lead to a river, lake or groundwater.

You also may not know water that goes into the storm drain does not receive any treatment before being released back into the water shed. The storm drains in the downtown Tempe area specifically, drain to the Salt River and Tempe Town Lake.

When outdoor activities are not performed with care, contaminants on the ground are picked up by rain and outdoor water use such as: hosing, over-watering landscape, pool drainage and residential car washing.

This means trash, spills, pet waste, rinse water or anything that is placed in streets and gutters is going to enter our storm drain system and eventually our ground water.

So it's important to remember that storm drains are not trash bins—think of them as a recycle bin. Pay attention to what goes inside. Help keep our environment and waters clean. Make sure **ONLY RAIN GOES IN THE STORM DRAIN!**

