

Stormwater Public Education Information

A stormwater pollution prevention message to residents and tenants at WSU Pullman: WSU is committed to the health and wellbeing of our campus and environment. One area that WSU Pullman is working on to improve the environment is stormwater pollution prevention.

What is stormwater?

Stormwater is generated when precipitation lands on impervious surfaces (roads, parking lots, rooftops and other hard impervious surfaces), and is subsequently discharged directly into local rivers and creeks. Contaminants that may be present, such as vehicle fluids, pet waste, metals, litter and other substances are then washed into these local rivers and creeks.

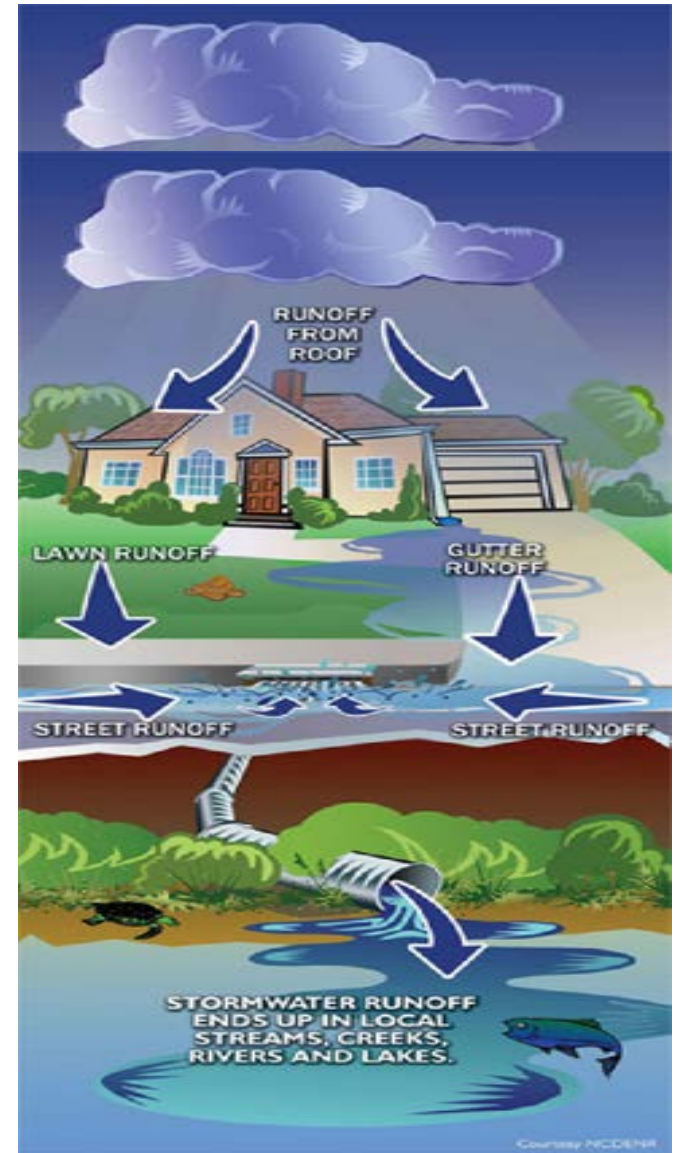
What can you do?

- **Maintain your vehicles properly.** Fix oil and other types of leaks promptly. Take your car to an oil changing shop instead of doing it yourself. If you do maintain your vehicle yourself, make sure the used oil and other fluids are disposed of properly and clean up spills afterwards. Do not dump oil and other vehicle fluids down the drain and do not hose down areas afterwards. For spills use dry materials such as cat litter, sweep it up and dispose of properly.



Stormwater Catch Basin

Oil and other vehicle fluids can be disposed of free at the Whitman County Transfer Station Household Hazardous Waste Facility.



- **Don't wash vehicles in parking lots and roadways.** The detergents, dirt, oils and grease will end up in local waterways. Vehicles should be washed at a car wash or on previous surfaces that absorb the water (such as a lawn). Another option is to protect the stormwater catch basins in parking lots and roads when washing vehicles by using car wash kit. A car wash kit prevents polluted wash water from getting into local waterways. A car wash kit can be checked out from WSU Environmental Health & Safety – just call 335-3041.



- **Don't litter!** Trash, cigarettes and other garbage is discharged into storm drains and local waterways every time it rains or snows and impacts aquatic life. Take pride in your campus and know that your everyday actions impact your local rivers!



Where can I learn more?

For additional information on what you can do to help prevent stormwater pollution and degradation of our local rivers and streams, please visit the WSU Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) Stormwater Management website at: <http://ehs.wsu.edu/ph/StormwaterManagement.html>. If you have questions, please contact EH&S at 335-3041 for more information.

Thank you and Remember Only Rain Down the Drain!