

# Stormwater Management

How to Protect our watershed:

Clean stormwater is essential to protecting the sources of our drinking water and maintaining our enjoyment of rivers, streams and creeks.

Stormwater can pick up pesticides, fertilizer, oil products, pet waste, and construction debris and deposit them in its final destination, the bodies of water from which we get our drinking water.

Here's how you can help keep our watershed clean:

- Plant a rain garden. Building a rain garden using native trees and grasses lets runoff soak into the ground to alleviate erosion and flooding.
- Limit fertilizer. Avoid fertilizing your lawn, and choose a non-phosphorous solution to protect waterway nutrients.
- Service your septic tank every three years.
- Avoid pesticides. Storms can wash them into nearby streams.
- Biological pest control.
- Pick up pet waste.
- Buffer streams. Plant native trees and plants to filter stormwater runoff.
- Use commercial car washes that filter their water.