

What is Storm Water Runoff?

Stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snowmelt flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, parking lots and streets prevent stormwater from naturally soaking into the ground. This increases the volume of water discharged which can cause flooding as well as increasing pollutants in our surface waters.



Mississippi River

Runoff collected by catch basins in our City streets discharges to the Mississippi River. Pollutants such as sand, gravel, leaves, grass clippings, and garbage discharges directly into rivers and lakes without treatments.

Stormwater pollution prevention begins with you!



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Stormwater Quality

Monticello: Public Participation And Involvement



This brochure is part of the city's SWPPP Minimum Control Measure #1 & 2.. The goal of this program to educate & inform the public on pertinent water resource management issues and increase the public's participation in water management activities.

Public Participation And Involvement



What You Can Do

Auto Care:

- ◆ Wash vehicles on the lawn and not your driveway.
- ◆ Use soap sparingly. Look for soap that is phosphorous free.
- ◆ Use a hose nozzle with a trigger to save water.
- ◆ Pour your bucket of soapy water down the sink or toilet when you are done, not on the driveway, sidewalk or street.
- ◆ Avoid using engine and wheel degreasers.
- ◆ Take your care to a commercial car wash, especially if you plan to clean the engine or the bottom of your car.
- ◆ Properly dispose of waste—it is illegal to dispose of down the storm sewer.

Lawn Care:

- ◆ Maintain a healthy lawn with minimal and appropriate fertilizer applications.
- ◆ Don't over water your lawn.
- ◆ Plant trees, shrubs, and other species to increase ground cover and provide shade.
- ◆ Reduce yard waste by mulching your grass clippings and leaves.
- ◆ Don't allow grass clippings, fertilizers, leaves or soil to accumulate on your driveway or sidewalks.
- ◆ Landscaping with native plants that develop deep root systems.
- ◆ Redirect downspouts from paved areas to vegetated areas.
- ◆ Keep catch basins or storm sewer grates clean of debris.

Public Participation and involvement are key components of proper stormwater management within the City of Monticello, as well as meeting the Stormwater Phase II requirements. A community informed and knowledgeable about water quality issues is essential to the success of the City's Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program. Every one of us can play a part in protecting and enhancing our water resources.



Attend the Annual Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program meeting in the spring and give your opinion regarding the City's program and ways we can improve it.