

## Helping to Keep Storm Water Clean

Simple Tips to keep Storm Water Free of Pollution

### ✓ Pick Up After Your Pets

Pet waste can be a major source of bacteria and nutrients. Properly pick up and dispose of your pet's waste.

### ✓ Maintain Your Car

Get your leaky car fixed. Leaking fluids such as oil and coolant easily mix with storm water, polluting our local water bodies.

### ✓ Dispose of Household Chemicals Properly

Buy only the amount you intend to use. Use, clean-up, and dispose of chemicals according to the manufacturer's directions.



## Resources

The Homeowner's Guide to Storm Water

✓ [stormwaterguide.org](http://stormwaterguide.org)

Watershed and Storm Water Information

- ✓ [stormwaterpa.org](http://stormwaterpa.org)
- ✓ [dep.pa.gov/Business/Water/CleanWater/StormwaterMgmt/Stormwater/pages/default.aspx](http://dep.pa.gov/Business/Water/CleanWater/StormwaterMgmt/Stormwater/pages/default.aspx)
- ✓ <https://luzerneecd.org/>

Wildlife and Environmental Protection Information

- ✓ [fishandboat.com/Fish/Fisheries/SusquehannaRiverManagement/Pages/SusquehannaRiverImpairment.aspx](http://fishandboat.com/Fish/Fisheries/SusquehannaRiverManagement/Pages/SusquehannaRiverImpairment.aspx)
- ✓ [epa.gov/environmental-topics/water-topics](http://epa.gov/environmental-topics/water-topics)
- ✓ [pecpa.org/](http://pecpa.org/)

To report any illicit discharges to your local waterway, please call the Illicit Discharge Hotline

**570-696-1133 EXT 314**

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## Find Out More About DAMA

Dallas Area Municipal Authority

✓ [damaonline.org](http://damaonline.org)



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## What Goes Around Comes Around



**How You Can Help Prevent  
Pollution in Your Local  
Storm Water and Watershed**



**Remember - Everyone Lives  
Downstream**

## What is Storm Water Runoff?

Storm water runoff is water from rain or snow melt events that flows over the ground. In urban and suburban areas, impervious surfaces such as roads, parking lots, and sidewalks prevent storm water from soaking into the ground. As the storm water runoff flows over that impervious area, it often picks up pollutants such as oil, trash, and nutrient-laden sediments.



## Why is Storm Water Runoff a Problem?

As storm water runoff flows over impervious areas, it often collects pollutants from the surfaces it flows over. Sediments, oils, and trash from parking lots and roads are some examples. This polluted runoff can then enter our streams, rivers, lakes, and wetlands.



## What You Can Do!

### Landscaping Solutions That Help Reduce Storm Water Runoff Pollution

- ✓ Don't overwater your lawn
- ✓ Use pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers sparingly
- ✓ Compost and mulch yard waste
- ✓ Avoid sweeping or blowing leaves, grass clippings, and other debris into the streets to prevent them from entering storm drains

# DID YOU KNOW ?

Sediment is the #1 source of pollution in our waterways!



The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection labeled approximately 19,000 miles of rivers and streams in Pennsylvania as impaired for water supply, aquatic life, recreation, or fish consumption\*. Pollution in storm water including high amounts of sediment is the leading contributor of impairment.



\*dep.pa.gov/Business/Water/CleanWater/StormwaterMgmt/Stormwater/pages/default.aspx