

Lawn Care

Stormwater Best Management Practices



- Chemicals: fertilizers and pesticides from your yard may be carried into the storm drain. These chemicals can end up in the local waters and harmful to humans and wildlife.
- Yard Clippings: yard clippings can clog a storm drain, or when they reach a waterbody, can decompose, taking oxygen away from fish and other wildlife.
- Sediments: soil from home gardens that is washed down the storm drain harms aquatic wildlife, clogging a fish's gills or increase the water's turbidity making it difficult for them to find food.
- Overwatering: excessive watering of lawns leads to increased runoff carrying herbicides, pesticides, fertilizers, and oil from the streets to the storm drain and into local waters.

What Can I Do?

- Use natural alternatives to pesticides and fertilizers.
- Don't overwater your lawn or garden
- Use native plants.
- Sweep excess lawn clippings or other yard wastes and dispose of properly.
- Don't hose soil or yard clippings into the storm drain.

Did You Know?

You can use ladybugs instead of pesticides to get rid of those aphids, mites, whiteflies, and scale.



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