

# Where does rainwater go?



**Important to note:** Rain picks up pollutants, which goes unfiltered into bodies of water.

**Pollutants include:** oil and other car fluids, trash, pet waste, soaps for washing cars, fertilizers, etc.

**Check to see how you can limit stormwater pollution!**

## Rain Garden:

Rain gardens, built in shallow depressions, capture runoff and the plants and soil filter the water, removing pollutants. The plants also provide habitat for birds, bees, and butterflies. **A rain garden will also reduce the volume of stormwater entering our streams.**

For more info on rain gardens, download the "Rain Garden" app.



<http://www.laurensgardenservice.com/rain-gardens-and-rain-barrels/>

Learn more at:

- [centralmastormwater.org](http://centralmastormwater.org)
- [epa.gov/soakuptherain](http://epa.gov/soakuptherain)
- [www.massaudubon.org](http://www.massaudubon.org)



**What can you do to prevent stormwater pollution?**

<https://openclipart.org/detail/231395/storm-drain-grate>

# Easy solutions to stormwater pollution!

## Rain Barrel:

You can take stormwater from a gutter's downspout and lead it into a rain barrel. This water can be saved to water a lawn or house plants instead of tap water. This can help especially during dry summer months.



[http://saveherain.us/str\\_project/rain-barrel-program/](http://saveherain.us/str_project/rain-barrel-program/)

## Car Care:

- If you notice vehicle fluids in your driveway, call your local repair shop and clean up any spills.
- When washing your car, use biodegradable soap. Also wash it on grass or gravel to help filter soapy water.



<http://www.ncleanwater.org/involvement/house/vehicles.php>

## Poop Pickup:

When walking your dog, always bring a small trowel and a plastic bag. Flush the poop down the toilet or place the bag in your garbage can. Also make sure your dog does not pee directly on the pavement.



[http://www.pet360.com/dog/lifestyle/how-to-start-a-dog-park/QNgX97i5YkqtFZZMbd\\_hg6w](http://www.pet360.com/dog/lifestyle/how-to-start-a-dog-park/QNgX97i5YkqtFZZMbd_hg6w)