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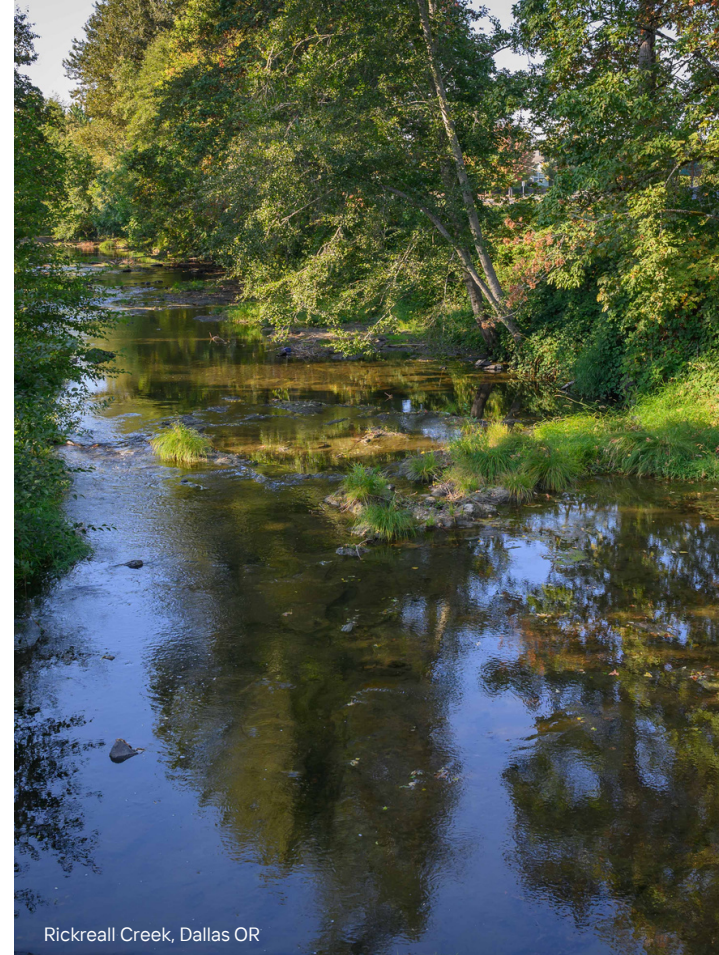
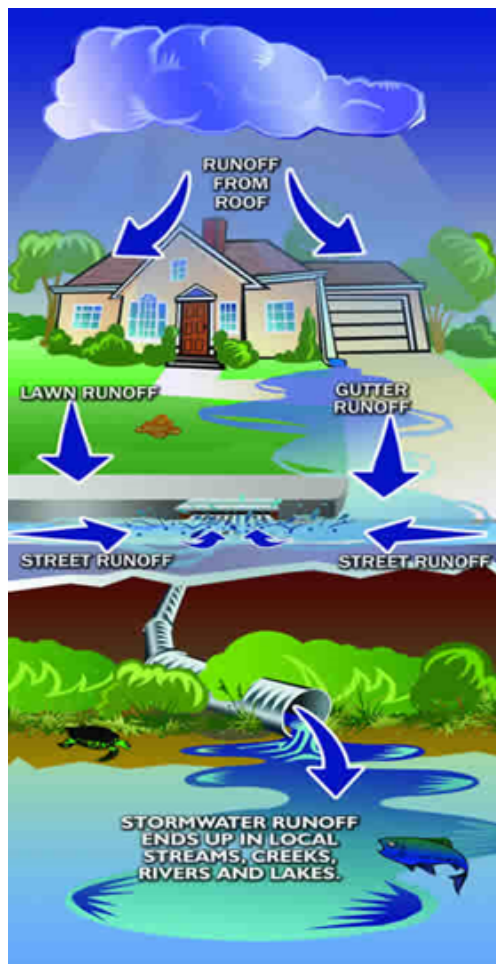
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Help Keep Our Waterways Clean

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that contaminants in stormwater runoff cause over half of the pollution in our nation's waterways.

Stormwater pollution begins when rain or snowmelt washes over pavement and other impervious surfaces, picks up contaminants and litter, and flows down stormdrains to the waterways we rely on for drinking, recreation, and fishing.

Pollutants such as fertilizers, household chemicals, motor oil, paints, pet waste, solvents, yard waste, and more are commonly washed into your local stormwater system. These pollutants are discharged UNTREATED to local waterways.



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Only Rain Down the Drain...

How making simple choices prevents water pollution



Lawn and Garden

Care:

- Don't pile yard waste near wetlands or waterways.
- Choose organic lawn chemicals.
- More is not better when it comes to landscaping. Don't over apply chemicals – follow label instructions.
- Sweep up dry chemicals on sidewalks and driveway and dispose in trash can.
- Use pervious materials in landscape design so water can infiltrate. Choose tiles, decorative rock, bark, and other materials that allow infiltration.
- Plant rain gardens to capture, infiltrate, and treat stormwater from impervious area such as driveways, patios, and roof tops.
- Make sure your landscaper follows good rules like those listed in this section.
- Sweep loose soil and dirt off of impervious area such as streets and driveways.
- Don't leave disturbed soil unvegetated and subject to erosion. Plan to do your planting beforehand and use mulch or compost to stabilize bare spots.

Pick-Up After Your Pets:

- Dog waste carries high levels of harmful E. coli bacteria and other pathogens which can be washed into the storm drain which discharges to local waterways. Pet waste is not a fertilizer!
- Pick up pet waste daily in your yard.
- Always carry a plastic bag when you walk your dog and dispose of pet waste in a trash can.

Homes and Businesses:

- Use low phosphate detergents and cleaners.
- Use cold water only for outdoor work
- Use an absorbent pad to clean up chemical spills such as oil, gasoline, and antifreeze.
- Sweep impervious area such as walkways and driveways. Using a hose washes pollutants into the storm drain.
- Never pour washwater down stormdrains.
- Never pour unused chemicals down stormdrains.
- Contact your local recycling center for instructions on where to take old household chemicals.
- Store chemicals in leak proof containers.
- Household washwater such as with carpet cleaning, should be poured down the sink.

**DO YOUR PART TO
KEEP OUR STREAMS
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Washing Cars and Boats:

- Take your car or boat to your local car wash. The water at these facilities are discharged to the sanitary sewer which is treated.
- If you must wash at home, wash on a vegetated surface using organic soaps without phosphates.

Automotive Repair:

- Never change your oil or do auto repair in the street.
- Clean spills with absorbent material or sprinkle with kitty litter, then sweep and throw in the trash.
- Collect used oil, antifreeze, and leftover petroleum products and recycle appropriately.

