

STORM WATER POLLUTION: IT'S UP TO US!

In Weber County, storm water flows through storm drains directly to local creeks and rivers with NO TREATMENT. Water quality can be affected by a number of natural elements as well as chemical elements introduced by humans.

WHAT KIND OF CONTAMINANTS MIGHT REACH OUR RIVERS AND STREAMS?

Contaminants resulting from unwise landscaping practices such as over applying or over watering might include dirt, leaves, grass clippings, fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides. Chemicals from household products from washing your car, painting, or household cleaners may be introduced into surface waters. Toxins such as oil or antifreeze that may leak from your car may also be introduced into surface waters. Did you know that one pint of oil can produce a one acre slick on a water surface and can contaminate 250,000 gallons of water?

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- **Never use the gutter or storm drain system for disposal of household hazardous waste.** If you wouldn't drink it, don't dump it.
- **Store toxic products and chemicals indoors** or in a shed or storage cabinet.
- **Take unwanted hazardous materials and containers to the household hazardous waste disposal facility.**
- **Do not wash tools and equipment in driveways, gutters or drainage ways.** Wash over grassed or soil areas where wash water won't reach the street.
- **Inspect and maintain vehicles** to reduce leakage of fluids.
- **Reduce automotive emissions** through regular maintenance and by limiting vehicle usage.
- **Clean up spills** with kitty litter or absorbent material and let dry. Dispose of cleanup as solid waste.
- **Report illegal dumping** of oil, fuel, paint & other hazardous materials into the storm system to: Ogden City Public Ways & Parks: 801-629-8271. (After hours call 911)
- **Vehicles should be washed at a commercial car wash.** Vehicles can be washed on the lawn with biodegradable soap to reduce wash water flows to the storm drain system.
- **Recycle Oil** - Pour waste oil into an unbreakable container (plastic milk jug), seal and label. Call 399-8381 or 1-800-458-0145. Recycling used oil could reduce national petroleum imports by 25.5 million barrels per year! Do not mix other materials with oil.

