



WNY Stormwater Coalition

WHAT IS STORMWATER?

Stormwater is water from rain or melting snow that does not soak into the ground and eventually runs off into waterways.

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

Stormwater runoff can collect pollutants such as animal waste, salt, pesticides, fertilizers, oil or grease, and debris from streets, sewer drains, rooftops, and sloped lawns.

THINGS YOU CAN DO TO PREVENT STORMWATER POLLUTION

General Household: Whenever possible, use nontoxic products.



Do not dispose of chemicals in household drains or stormdrains.

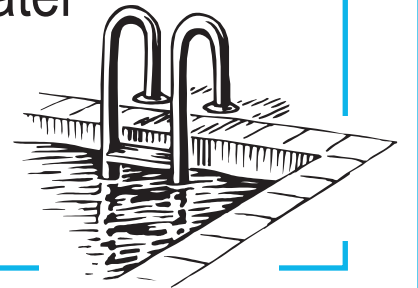
Paint and Solvent: Water based paint is best, but when using oil based paint, dispose of properly, not down the sink drain or at the curb.



Automotive: Keep an eye on any possible leaks your automobile may have. Take any extra fluids to the household hazardous waste collection.



Swimming Pool and Spa: Check with the municipality before draining water with chlorine into a storm sewer or ditch.



Lawn and Garden: Use the proper amount of water listed in the directions when using pesticides or fertilizers. Dispose of the chemicals properly.



Pet Care: Pet waste can contaminate the water supply if not picked up as soon as possible.



Contact Erie County's Household Hazardous Waste Program for disposal recommendations on the products listed above.

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