

Storm drains  
connect to our  
rivers, streams,  
and lakes!



Help protect  
the environment  
so it's safe and  
enjoyable for  
everyone!



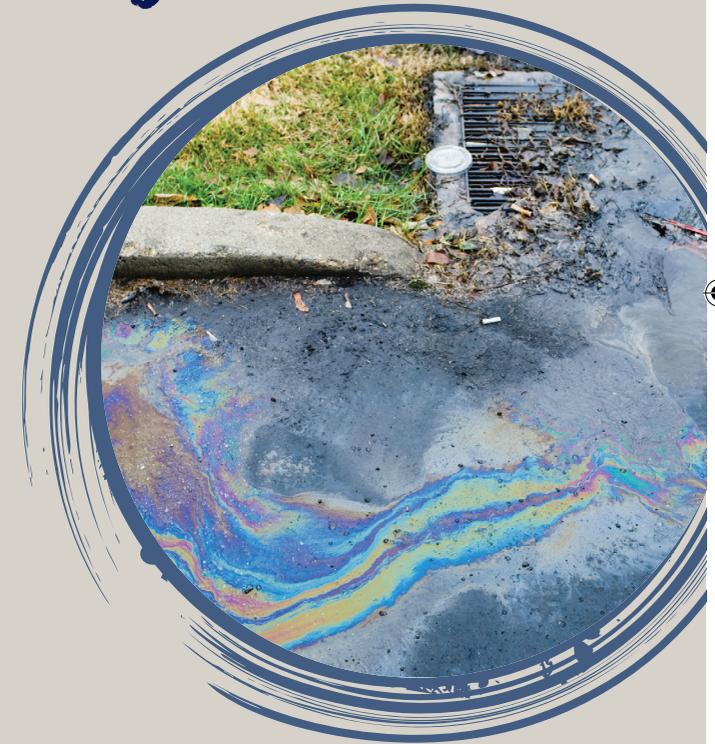
The Champaign County Stormwater Partnership is an intergovernmental group of local stormwater professionals working together to preserve and enhance surface water quality in our community.

For more information, visit:  
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*You  
are the  
solution...*



*to water  
pollution!*

*We can make a positive change!*



- Water pollution occurs when rain or snowmelt flows over the ground and picks up contaminants (oil, dirt, trash, soil).
- Pollution flows untreated into storm drains, creeks, rivers, and lakes.
- Contaminants enter water bodies that we use for swimming, fishing, and drinking.

## Easy steps to help prevent storm water pollution

### Properly dispose of trash and debris

Prevent debris from clogging storm drains or flowing into waterways.

### Pick up after your pet

Reduce the bacteria entering our streams. Trash your pet's waste or flush it (but don't flush the plastic bags!).

### Check your vehicles for leaks and recycle motor oil

Maintain vehicles to help them run efficiently and prevent pollution. Many stores and retailers will recycle used oil.



### Use household chemicals sparingly and dispose properly

Use chemicals (fertilizers, pesticides, etc.) only when needed and dispose of them according to the label.

### Direct downspouts onto grass, rock, or gardens

Allow water to soak into the ground naturally to reduce downstream flooding.

### Recycle electronics

Champaign County offers free public electronic recycling events and charities accept working electronics.

### Use commercial car washes

Reduce soap and chemicals from flowing down the streets and into storm drains.

