Stormwater Regulations

The Sevier Stormwater Group is consisted of the City(s) of Sevierville, Pigeon Forge, Gatlinburg and Sevier County. Each entity has a stormwater ordinance that is intended to protect the water quality and natural habitats of creeks and lakes that receive discharge from our drainage system. The ordinance states that any discharge to the drainage system or to a waterway that is not composed entirely of stormwater is prohibited. This means that **pollutants of any kind, including leaves, grass clippings, tree trimmings and other yard waste may not be blown or swept to the street, gutter or storm drain.**

Violators of the stormwater ordinance may be fined up to $5,000 per day, and payment for cleanup costs may be required.

Best Management Practices (BMPs)

Each of us has a responsibility to help reduce pollution by properly disposing of waste from our homes. The following BMPs are procedures that should always be used around your home to prevent pollution from entering the storm drains and polluting our waterways.

Pool Maintenance

Before draining, allow water to sit in the pool for several days to dissipate the chlorine. Test the water to ensure chlorine has dissipated before draining.

- Drain water to vegetated areas such as lawns and garden. Never drain chlorinated water to the street or storm drain.
- Particulate filter material, such as diatomaceous earth, must be disposed of in the garbage.
- Connecting a discharge pipe from a pool to the city drainage system is illegal.

Vehicle Washing and Maintenance

- Wash vehicles at a commercial car wash when possible. (Commercial car washes drain to the sanitary sewer and not to storm drains.)
- At home, wash vehicles over grass or gravel to prevent runoff.
- Minimize the use of soaps and water while washing.
- Drain excess wash water to the sanitary sewer (sink or toilet), not to storm drains.
- Perform all vehicle maintenance indoors when possible.
- Use drip pans to collect fluids from leaking vehicles.
- Clean up spills immediately using absorbent materials such as kitty litter or sand. Properly dispose of used absorbents.

Landscaping

- Do not use fertilizers with nitrogen or phosphorous from June through September.
- Compost mulch or bag leaves and grass clippings for trash pickup. Never rake or blow leaves into the street or storm drain.
- Only irrigate during the early morning or late evening to avoid evaporation. Always follow your designated watering restrictions.
- Aim sprinklers to avoid watering other areas.
- Time sprinklers to avoid over-watering and causing runoff.
- Limit pesticide, herbicide and fertilizer use; when needed apply at minimum recommended rates. It is your responsibility to check the container for these recommendations.
- Avoid using pesticides that eliminate beneficial insects. Check the label for targeted pests.

Household Hazardous Waste

- Store all household chemicals indoors or under a covered area not exposed to rain.
- Clean up all spills immediately using absorbent materials. Properly dispose of used absorbents.
- Keep lids on all outdoor storage containers.
- Label all material-storage containers.

Waste Management

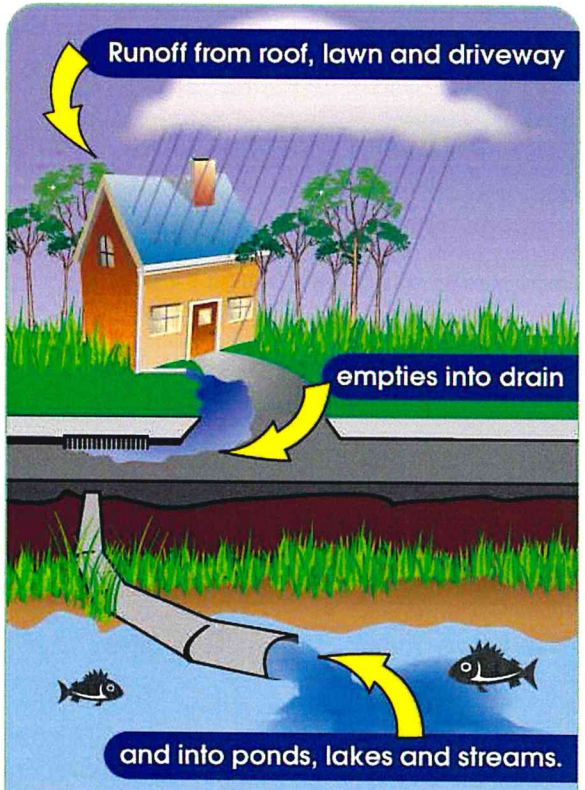
- Keep the ground around all outdoor garbage and dumpster areas free of trash, sediment and debris.
- Keep lids on dumpsters and trash cans whenever possible.
- Fix any leaks in garbage cans or dumpsters.
- Clean up any spills immediately

Who To Contact:

Sevierville, Frank Cravens- (865) 429.4567 Pigeon Forge, Brandon Williams – 865.429.7312. Gatlinburg, Jay Horner – 865.436.7792. Sevier County, Doyle Clabo – 865.429.4580

For information or to report illegal dumping, please call 865.429.4882

Emergencies: Please contact ***911***



What's the difference?

Sanitary Sewer vs. Storm Drains

The water that drains down a sink or toilet in a home or business flows to the **sanitary sewer** and is treated at a wastewater treatment plant.

Storm drains are NOT connected to the sanitary sewer or treatment plant. The storm drain system is designed to carry rainwater away from our homes to prevent flooding. Storm drains flow directly to our ponds, lakes and streams.

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Preventing Urban Runoff Pollution

A Guide for Homeowners