

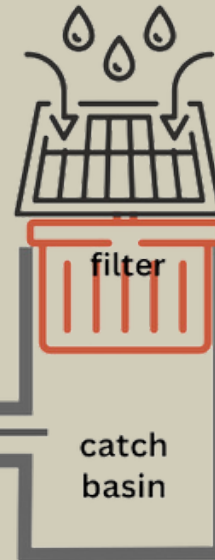


STORMWATER PROJECT 2022-24

The Junction Creek Stewardship Committee is installing filters in publicly accessible catch basins to capture stormwater pollutants for the health of local waterways. Community partners and volunteers are helping to monitor and tally the contents and raise awareness.



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The filters capture debris and litter from stormwater

<https://junctioncreek.com/new-stormwater-and-freshwater-health-project/>



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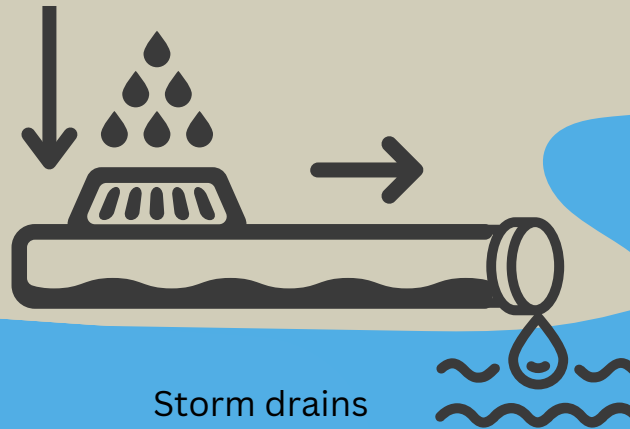
REDUCING STORMWATER POLLUTANTS IN LOCAL WATERWAYS





DID YOU KNOW? STORMWATER DRAINS INTO LOCAL WATERWAYS

Pollutants on driveways, roads, and parking lots are carried by **stormwater** into storm drains (a drainage system of underground pipes).









Storm drains empty into **local waterways**

The majority of stormwater is **NOT TREATED** before draining into local streams and lakes.

Please help reduce stormwater pollutants for a healthier waterway and community!

COMMON STORMWATER POLLUTANTS

| | | |
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|  | cigarette butts |  |
|  | litter and plastic |  |
|  | fertilizer |  |
| | pesticides | |
| | de-icing salt | |
| | sediment | |
| | car fluids (ex. oil) | |
| | pet waste | |

9 WAYS TO PREVENT STORMWATER POLLUTANTS

- Reduce the amount of runoff; use rain barrels, plant native plants and rain gardens.
- Don't dump anything down storm drains.
- Reduce use of pesticides and fertilizers.
- Use brooms instead of water to clean hardscapes.
- Reduce waste and single-use plastics.
- Properly dispose of garbage.
- Keep your garbage airtight and odor free. Use bear-resistant trash containers.
- Volunteer at clean-up events; pick up litter.
- Pick up dog waste.

