

Clean Water

At A Glance

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Program

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Stormwater Management is an important part of the community's effort to improve water quality, protect fish habitat and protect properties and infrastructure from flooding. "Stormwater" refers to runoff from sources like rain and irrigation water. Stormwater flows to storm drains, gutters, ditches, swales or a system of pipes, eventually ending up in the McKenzie or Willamette Rivers. Unlike sewage, stormwater is not treated before being emptied into our waterways. As a stormwater permit holder from the Department of Environmental Quality, the City of Springfield is held liable for discharges from industries which discharge to the city stormwater management system.

Flood Management & Water Quality

When it rains, stormwater washes over streets, roofs, lawns, and parking lots. On its way, stormwater picks up oil, sediment, bacteria, grease and chemicals that pollute our local streams and the McKenzie and Willamette Rivers.

The City of Springfield's stormwater program implements State & Federal regulations and enforcement for water quality protection. Through planning we are taking a big picture, long-term, cost-effective approach to improving and protecting the health of neighborhood streams.

What Does Springfield's Stormwater Program Do?

- Maintain more than 200 miles of stormwater lines and open waterways
- Clean & maintain over 5,000 catch basins
- Sweep over 6,000 miles of paved streets
- Maintain detention ponds and other water facilities to minimize flooding & improve water quality before water enters rivers
- Leaf pick up program
- Eliminate unlawful connections and discharges to the stormwater system
- Public outreach including the following programs: Clean Water Gardens (rain gardens, naturescaping etc.), Best Management Practices for Pressure Washers, Best Management Practices for Auto Shops, Best Management Practices for Nurseries & Garden Centers, Fish-Friendly Car Wash Kits, Pet Waste Management, Clean Water Workshops for local schools, and general education/outreach as needed



To keep our rivers clean,
we need to keep
stormwater clean.

The River Begins at Your Front Door

To report a stormwater problem:
Water Pollution Problem Reporting Hotline
(541) 726-3694



Have questions, concerns, or a suggestion on how we can improve our stormwater program? Give us a call!