Clean Water
At A Glance

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Stormwater is rain that flows over roofs, driveways, and streets. Stormwater can pick up pollutants and transport them untreated to rivers via the drainage system.

Stormwater enters the stormwater system via storm drains (also called catch basins). These drains are designed to prevent flooding and help filter out polllutants before entering rivers and waterways.

If there's a storm drain on your business' property, YOU are responsible for maintaining it!

Storm Drain Maintenance Do's

Contact the City of Springfield to learn how to get a free "No Dumping" storm drain marker!
541.726.3694 or
WaterResources@springfield-or.gov

Pollution Prevention:

- Keep pollutants out of the stormwater system. Consider using an oil-absorbant filter in the storm drain.
- Clean parking lots and other paved areas using dry methods, such as regular sweeping.
- Cover materials stored outside to prevent rainwater from leaching pollutants. Contan chemicals properly and store under cover.

Storm Drain Cleaning:

- Remove debris from storm drains at least once a year. Inspect every 3 months or after large rain events to see if cleaning is needed more often.
- Remove leaves and debris from the grate and dispose of as garbage or compost.
- **NEVER enter a storm drain!** Hire a contractor to clean and maintain storm drains if unfamiliar with how to safely clean yourself.

Report Water Pollution

Help keep our local rivers healthy and report water pollution. Call the water pollution reporting hotline at 541.726.3694 or email dpw@springfield-or.gov.

The River Begins at Your Front Door

For more information on how to protect local rivers, visit **springfieldstreams.org** or email **WaterResources@springfield-or.gov**

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