

Drains Directly To Fourche Creek

What does this marker by your storm drain mean? It means anything that flows down that drain goes untreated into Fourche Creek, Little Rock's main waterway. Storm drains do not empty to water treatment facilities, they empty directly into creeks. Rain water picks up trash, motor oil, pet waste, and other pollutants. Polluted water hurts people, plants, and animals, like the fish many people enjoy taking out of the creeks. Just one quart of motor oil can ruin 250,000 gallons of water. Please don't dump trash, chemicals, and yard waste into the street or down a storm drain.



This is where trash tossed down the storm drain and on the street ends up!

10 things you can do to prevent stormwater runoff pollution:

1. Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep driveways and sidewalks after application.
2. Never dump *anything* down storm drains or in ditches.
3. Vegetate bare spots in your yard and terrace slopes to minimize erosion.
4. Compost yard waste and sweep grass clippings out of street gutters after mowing.
5. Use integrated pest management practices for controlling pests around your home. If using chemicals, use least toxic pesticides and follow label instructions.
6. Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; use rain barrels or plant a rain garden to capture runoff.
7. Take your car to the car wash where the wastewater is taken to a treatment plant instead of washing your car on a driveway or street.
8. Check your car for leaking fluids and recycle your motor oil.
9. Pick up after your pet.
10. Don't litter! Pick up trash you see on the ground (even if it is not yours) and participate in a creek clean-up!

Questions?

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