



When it rains, water runs across rooftops, down streets, and across parking lots and yards, picking up substances along the way.

Did you know that your everyday habits impact our water quality?

Even small amounts of pollution can add up to big problems.

Leaving materials on yards and streets poses dangers to the health and safety of our neighborhoods and the environment.

**IF IT'S ON THE
GROUND
IT'S IN OUR
WATER**

This stormwater "runoff" contains materials like chemical fertilizer, pet waste, litter, automotive fluids, and yard waste, such as leaves and grass clippings.

Runoff washes down stormdrains and into our local rivers and streams untreated, causing pollution and endangering public health.



GOES IN
HERE

ENDS UP
HERE



STORMDRAINS are grates found throughout neighborhood streets. They help prevent flooding by draining melted snow and rainwater off of our streets and sidewalks.



The water that goes down a sink or toilet flows through a **SEWER SYSTEM** to the wastewater treatment plant where it's treated and cleaned.



But water that flows down a street and into a **STORMDRAIN** is sent directly to our local lakes, rivers, and streams untreated!



Learn more at lawrenceks.org/stormwater

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Make a Rain Barrel & Landscape with Native Plants

Building a rain barrel is a simple DIY project that helps you collect rainwater for watering plants, washing tools, or even rinsing off muddy boots. Pair it with native landscaping to absorb more stormwater, support pollinators, and reduce runoff in your yard.



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Make Compost at Home or use the City Compost Facility

Give your yard a local upgrade! Compost is a nutrient rich soil amendment you can add to lawns and gardens to help absorb stormwater and reduce pollution. You can start your own pile at home—or pick up finished compost from the City's Compost Facility to give your yard a healthy boost.

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Take Hazardous Material to the Local HHW Facility

Old paint, pesticides, and cleaners don't belong in the trash—or the storm drain. The Lawrence-Douglas County Household Hazardous Waste Facility offers free, safe disposal of these items for Douglas County residents. Protect our waterways and schedule your drop-off today.

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Don't Pour Fats, Oils, or Grease Down the Drain

Fats, oils, and grease (FOG) might go down the drain easily, but they can clog pipes and cause sewer backups. Instead, let FOG cool, then scrape it into the trash.

Your pipes—and the environment—will thank you.

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Pick-Up Your Pet Waste

Your pet's waste is more than a nuisance—it's a pollutant. When left on the ground, it can wash into storm drains, contaminating our waterways. Always scoop the poop and dispose of it properly to keep our community clean and our water safe.

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