

STORMWATER SMART - LAWN CARE



When water from rain, snow, or sleet flows over the ground, it's called "stormwater". Stormwater can pick up paint, chemicals, antifreeze, and oil from vehicles in your parking lot. And when that stormwater flows into street gutters, storm drains, and downstream, it can pollute rivers, lakes, and streams. Follow these simple pollution solutions to help keep our local waterways clean and healthy!

When mowing, only cut down one-third of the grass blade height and leave the clippings on the lawn. This practice helps nutrients return to the soil, acting as a natural fertilizer!

Read the label when applying pesticides and fertilizers, use them sparingly, and avoid applying them to pavement. When there is rain in the forecast, any chemicals you apply can wash downstream.

Don't rake, sweep, or hose debris down the storm drains. Leaves, yard clippings, and trash can clog storm pipes, causing floods and polluted waterways.

Direct sprinklers toward the lawn and away from pavement to save water and keep chemicals and debris out of storm drains.

DON'T MOW TOO LOW

CAREFUL WITH CHEMICALS

ONLY RAIN IN THE DRAIN

CURB YOUR WATER WASTE

For more tips on how to save water, check out www.epa.gov/watersense

By taking these steps, you're helping to protect our community and contributing to a healthier, safer environment. We thank you for your commitment to responsible business practices.

REPORT ILLICIT DISCHARGES:

If you notice any substance or pollutant in stormwater drains - such as oil, chemicals, or soapy water - please report it IMMEDIATELY!

ONLINE: (SCAN QR CODE)



<https://cityofgulfbreeze.us/departments/public-works/stormwater-management/>



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