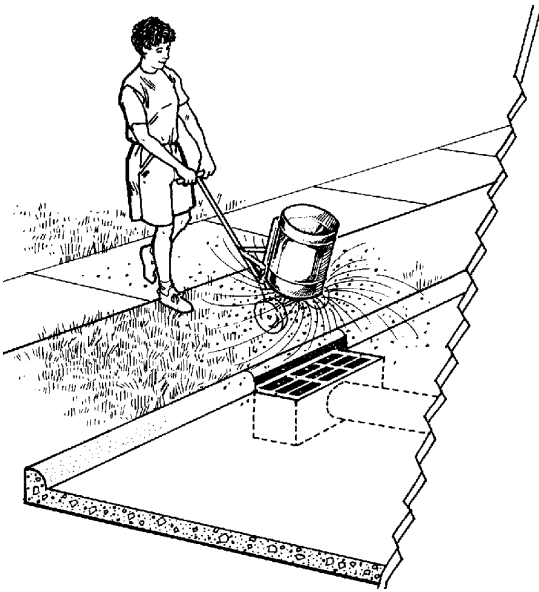


WHAT RESIDENTS CAN DO TO PROTECT OUR WATER QUALITY

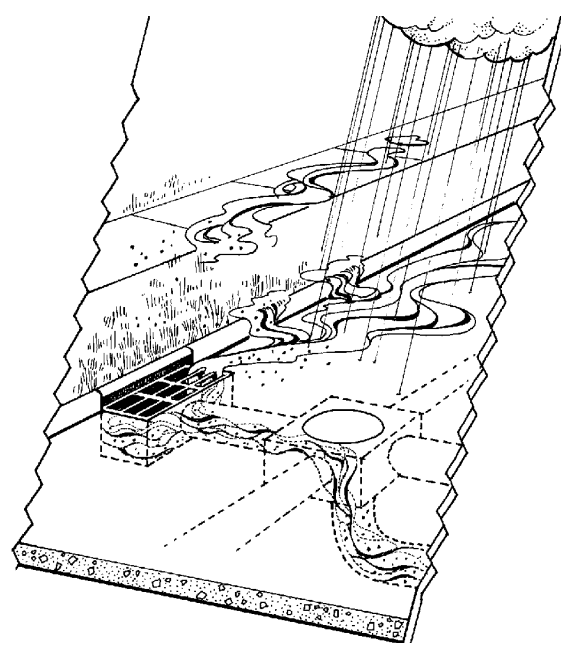


Have you ever stopped to think what happens when water goes down the **STORM DRAINS** in town? Out of sight...out of mind...**right?**

WRONG...the condition of the water going “down the drain” directly affects our quality of life.

Storm drains carry more than rain-water run-off. They can also provide a source for trash and pollutants to get into local streams...the same streams that provide drinking water for many communities and wildlife habitat.

- Stop **trash** from entering storm drains.
- Practice environmentally sound **business decisions**, don't buy more chemicals than needed.



- Inspect your **septic system** routinely.
- Use a commercial **car wash** or wash car on lawn, not in street.
- Incorporate storm water pollution into **school curriculum**.
- Dispose of **Household Hazardous Waste** properly. Joplin Recycling Center accepting HHW (except paint) from residents (no commercial or business waste, some rules apply). **See note***.

- Use **fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides & fungicides** judiciously on lawns and gardens—water efficiently when needed. Dispose of unwanted chemicals at the Joplin Recycling Center (some rules apply). Consider using **compost** instead of chemicals. For a free *Homeowners' Composting Guide*, see note*.

- **Adopt a stream** and clean it up.
- Volunteer for a **storm drain stenciling** project , see note*.
- Remove all **pet waste** from yard and curb and dispose of in trash to prevent spread of bacteria.
- Never discharge **pool or spa water** to a street or storm drain. Let chlorine dissipate for a few days, then recycle/reuse it by draining it gradually onto a landscaped area. Do not use copper-based algaecides unless absolutely necessary. Control algae with chlorine or other alternatives.

***Note: Call the City of Joplin at (417) 624-0820 Ext. 501**



- Recycle **automobile antifreeze** at Lube -N-Oil, 20th and Range Line.
- Recycle **automobile oil** at all O'Reilly Auto Parts locations, Lube-N-Oil at 20th and Range Line, Lube-N-Oil at 906 West 7th , and all Wal-Mart locations.
- Recycle **automotive Freon** at Air & Sound, 1212 Joplin Avenue.

- **Public comment** regarding soil erosion issues pertaining to residential and commercial building construction projects should be **filed** with the City of Joplin Engineering Department, 602 South Main Street. Each comment will be addressed with a return response sent by appropriate City staff.

Comments and **Storm Water Plans** may be **viewed** at the City of Joplin Engineering Department, 602 South Main Street.



- Report **illicit discharge** of sewage and pollutants to City of Joplin Code Enforcement (417) 624-0820 Ext. 518 or Health Department (417) 623-6122.

ILLEGAL DUMPING

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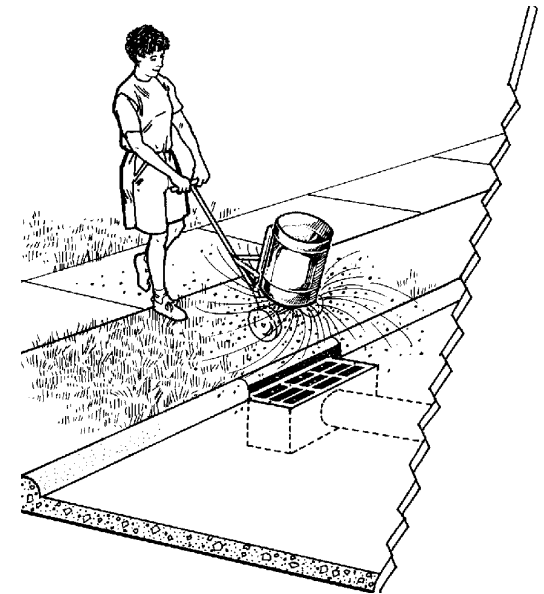
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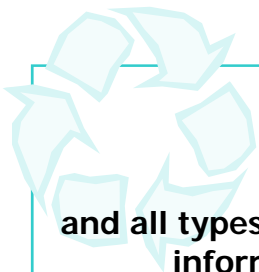
(ask for Fire Department)



**RECOMMENDED
METHODS
(Best Management Practices)
for
STORM WATER PROTECTION
and
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This brochure is presented to help residents/business owners comply with the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Storm Water Regulations



For recycling, compost, and all types of waste disposal information contact the Joplin Recycling Coordinator at (417) 624-0820 Ext. 501

City of Joplin Recycling Center
1310 West A Street

--- Hours of Operation ---

April-October

Tuesday & Thursday 3 PM-7 PM
Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 8 AM-1 PM

November-March

Tuesday & Thursday 2 PM-6 PM
Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 8 AM-1 PM



Visit the City of Joplin Website
www.joplinmo.org/publicworks or the
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater

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