

Help Prevent STORMWATER POLLUTION



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Here is how you can help to keep our waterways clean and healthy:

WASTE DISPOSAL

- Put cigarette butts in ash trays, never on the ground.
- Always bag trash and tie it closed before placing it in containers to prevent litter from being blown away.
- Use biodegradable, nontoxic, or recyclable products when possible.

Twin Oak Landfill's Collection Event



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- Do not throw hazardous household waste in the trash or pour it down drains. Dispose of it responsibly and for free during the Twin Oak Landfill's collection events every April and October.

For more information, visit
TwinOaksLandfill.com/HHW.

- Always pick up your pet's waste and dispose of it by bagging it and placing it in the trash.

The sanitary sewer system transports wastewater from homes and businesses to a treatment plant, where it undergoes physical, biological and disinfection processes before the treated water is released into local waterways.

In contrast, the storm sewer system carries rainwater directly to creeks, rivers and lakes without treatment. Stormwater pollution occurs when rainwater runs over streets, driveways, yards and other surfaces, picking up trash, oil, chemicals, fertilizers, pet waste and other pollutants. These contaminants are carried through storm drains directly into waterways, harming fish, wildlife and overall water quality.



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City of Bryan Stormwater Drains





LAWN AND GARDEN CARE

- Apply only the recommended amount of fertilizer, pesticides, herbicides, etc. and do not apply on windy days or when rain is forecasted.
- Sweep up grass clippings and leaves. Use them as garden mulch or compost, rather than blowing them into the street or down storm drains.
- Choose native, drought-resistant plants and grasses that require less water and fertilizer.
- Use a broom to clean paved areas instead of hosing them down.
- Avoid overwatering your lawn by signing up to receive free Brazos Valley WaterSmart emails at **BVWaterSmart.tamu.edu** to get weekly watering recommendations week based on data from weather stations and rain gauges throughout the Brazos Valley.
- Regularly inspect your irrigation system for leaks and broken heads, and make sure you're not watering concrete.
- Use low-output sprinkler heads, bubblers, and drip irrigation to reduce runoff.
- Practice the cycle and soak method by watering in shorter intervals to allow the soil to absorb water more effectively.

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

- Wash your vehicle at a commercial car wash, since they are connected to the sanitary sewer system which conveys wash water to a wastewater treatment plant.
- If you do wash your vehicle at home, wash it on an unpaved surface, such as your lawn, and use environmentally-friendly soaps and cleaners labeled non-toxic, biodegradable, or phosphate-free.
- Work in an area with a concrete floor so that spills can be easily confined and cleaned up. Use tarps or drip pans, and clean up spills with absorbents like kitty litter or sawdust. Once the liquid is absorbed, sweep it up, put in a plastic garbage bag, and place in a trash container.
- City of Bryan residents can properly dispose of used oil, filters, cooking grease, and tires for free at the Used Oil and Tire Recycling Center, located at 1111 Waco St. Visit **bryantx.gov/recycling** to learn more.



To learn more about the City of Bryan's Stormwater Management Program, visit **bryantx.gov/stormwater**.

