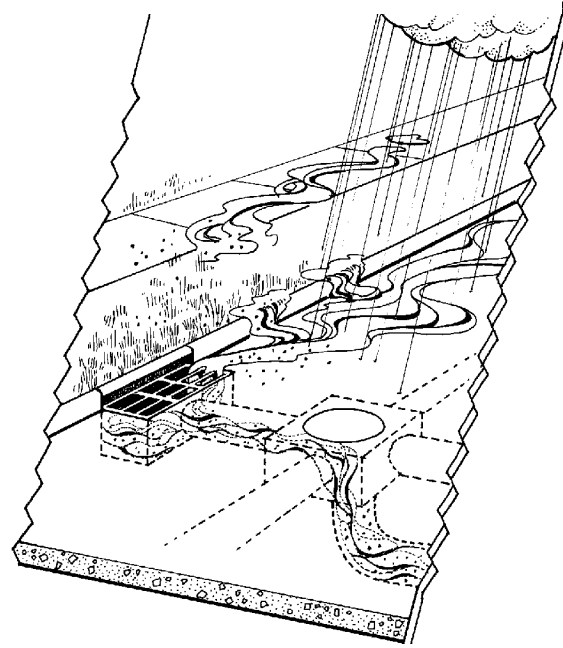


WHAT RESIDENTS CAN DO TO PROTECT OUR WATER QUALITY

- Stop **trash** from entering storm drains.
- Practice environmentally sound **business decisions**.



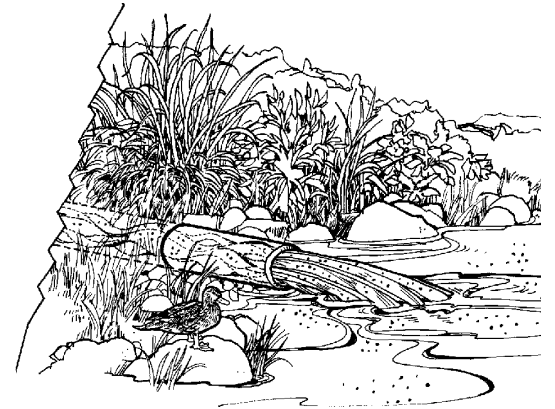
Have you ever stopped to think what happens when water goes down the **STORM DRAINS** in town?
Out of sight...out of mind...right?

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

Storm drains carry more than rainwater 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.

- 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, see note*.

- Use **fertilizers and pesticides** judiciously on lawns and gardens—water efficiently when needed. Consider using **compost** instead of chemicals. For a free *Home-owners' Composting Guide*, see note*.
- **Adopt a stream** and clean it up, and/or
- 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 day, then recycle/reuse it by draining it gradually onto a landscaped area. Do not use copper-based algacides unless absolutely necessary. Control algae with chlorine or other alternatives.
(Note: Call the City at 624-0820 Ext. 501)



- Recycles **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 Walmart locations. Recycle **automobile freon** at Air & Sound, 1212 Joplin Avenue.



- Phone in **illegal dumping** or spills.

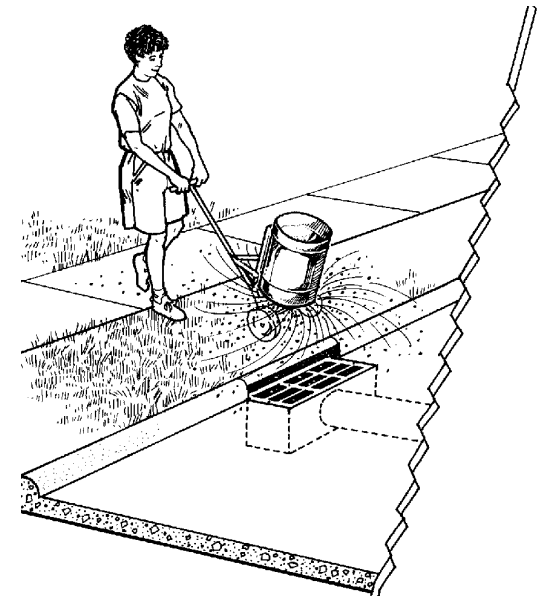


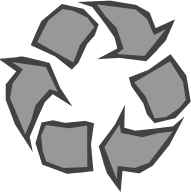
**Spill Response:
Dial 911**

or

**Storm Water Education Manager
624-0820 Ext. 501**

Alternative format available by calling
TTY 1(800)735-2966 or
City of Joplin TTY (417)625-4774





**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***

April-October
Tue. & Thur. 3 PM-7 PM
Wed., Fri., & Sat. 8 AM-1 PM

November-March
Tue. & Thur. 2 PM-6 PM
Wed., Fri., & Sat. 8 AM-1 PM



Visit the City of Joplin Stormwater
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