

## Storm Water Pollution Prevention: It's Up To Us



In Weber County, storm water flows through storm drains directly to local creeks and rivers with **NO TREATMENT**.

*Water quality can be affected by a number of natural elements as well as chemical elements introduced by humans.*

**What kind of contaminants might reach our rivers and streams?**

- **Contaminants** resulting from unwise landscaping practices such as over applying or over watering might include: dirt, leaves, grass clippings, fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides.
- **Chemicals** from household products from washing your car, painting, or household cleaners.
- **Toxins** such as oil or antifreeze that may leak from your car.

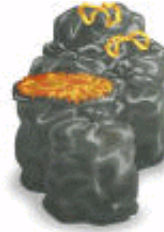
Local recreation areas are affected by storm water contamination and can result in harmful situations for humans and wildlife. These areas include the Weber River, Ogden River (including North, Middle & South Fork), Pineview Reservoir among others.

**Who Should Use this Pamphlet?**

- ☞ Residents
- ☞ Landscapers
- ☞ Gardeners
- ☞ Swimming pool/spa service and repair workers
- ☞ General contractors

## What Can You Do? General Practices

- ☞ Take tree & grass trimmings to Weber County Compost Facility (801-726-8212). You can also pick up ground cover to stabilize erosion, and compost is available for a natural fertilizer.



- ☞ Use biodegradable pesticides/herbicides and cleaners.

- ☞ Never use the gutter or storm drain system for disposal of household or garden waste.

- ☞ Remove all pet waste from yard and curb and dispose of in trash. -to prevent spread of bacteria.



- ☞ Store pesticides, fertilizers and other chemicals indoors, in a shed, or storage cabinet.

- ☞ Wash household tools over grassed area away from curbs and gutters.



- ☞ Clean leaves, sediment, and trash out of gutter and dispose of in garden or trash.

## Landscaping/Garden Maintenance

- ☞ Control erosion on your property by planting groundcover and stabilizing erosion-prone areas.

- ☞ Use up pesticides. Rinse containers and use rinse water as product. Dispose of rinsed containers in the trash

- ☞ Collect lawn and garden clippings, pruning waste, and tree trimmings. Chip if necessary and compost.

- ☞ Sweep and collect dirt from driveways or walks and dispose of in garden.



- ☞ Apply lawn and garden chemicals sparingly and according to instructions. Rinse containers and dispose of in trash.

## Pool/Spa Maintenance



- ☞ Never discharge pool or spa water into a street or storm drain.

☞ When emptying a pool or spa, 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. Copper is an especially strong herbicide and doesn't degrade to less toxic forms quickly. Control algae with chlorine or other alternatives.

- ☞ Perform regular inspections to detect leaks.

- ☞ Try to keep the water in the pool.



For additional information on Storm Water Protection refer to the following brochures:

- Erosion Control
- Fresh Concrete and Mortar Application
- Household and Vehicle Maintenance
- Impervious Surfaces
- Landscaping, Gardening, and Yard Maintenance
- Paint and Household Hazardous Waste
- Pet Waste Water Quality
- Utah and its Water, Why Conserve
- Water Conservation Inside the Home
- Water Conservation Outside the Home
- Xeriscaping



For more information about the Weber County Storm water quality management program and additional pamphlets, contact:

Weber County Storm Water Management  
[www.co.weber.ut.us/stormwater](http://www.co.weber.ut.us/stormwater)

Harrisville City  
[www.cityofharrisville.com](http://www.cityofharrisville.com)

## Spill Response

Dial 911  
-or-  
State Of Utah  
Environmental Response  
(801) 536-4123

Utah Division of Water Quality  
(801) 538-6146

Local Pollution Control  
Agencies:  
Environmental Health Division of the  
Weber/Morgan Health Department  
(801) 591-7168



1-800-458-0145

Used Oil Recyclers  
(for DIYers in Weber County)

- Weber County Transfer Station
- Auto Zone Stores
- Checker Auto Parts Stores
- Wal-Mart Tire & Lube
- Jiffy Lube

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## LANDSCAPING, GARDENING AND YARD MAINTENANCE



## RECOMMENDED METHODS FOR STORM WATER PROTECTION

