

Reducing Stormwater Pollution During Summertime Activities

With the onset of summer, there is an increase in summer activities. Typical summer activities that impact stormwater include: • Washing vehicles and oil changes • Setting up backyard pools, slip-n-slides • Watering lawns and gardens • Increased lawn mowing activities.

What you can do to reduce storm water pollution:

- Wash vehicles less frequently or take them to the local car wash where water is recycled.
- For car washing fundraisers, select a location where there is some storm water control, e.g. grassy areas.
- Do not use acid based wheel cleaners or engine degreasers.
- Use only soaps, cleaners and detergents labeled “non-toxic,” “chlorine-free,” “phosphate-free” or “Biodegradable.”
- When changing oil and other vehicle fluids, be sure to prevent or clean up drips and spills.
- When watering gardens, do so early in the morning or evening to prevent evaporation.
- When mowing lawns, mulch clippings instead of bagging.
- Sweep cut grass off sidewalks and streets to prevent introduction into stormwater system.

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