

# SPRING STORMWATER SOLUTIONS



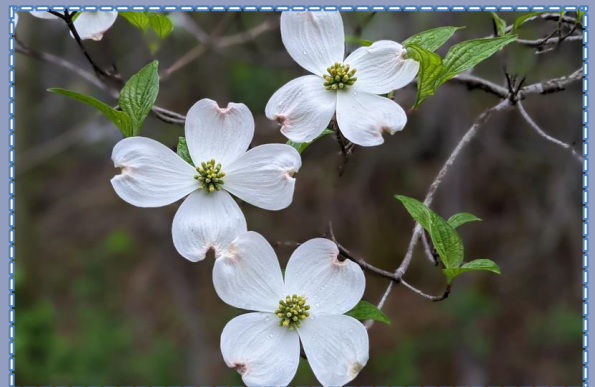
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In addition to flowers, spring showers can also bring stormwater runoff! As rain flows over lawns, driveways and streets, it carries pollutants like fertilizers, soil, oil and litter into our waterways. See below for simple steps you can take this spring to protect clean water and reduce flooding.

## SIMPLE STEPS YOU CAN TAKE AT HOME TO PROTECT LOCAL STREAMS & CREEKS!

### SPRING STORMWATER TIPS FOR YOUR PROPERTY

- **Clean Gutters & Downspouts:** Remove leaves and debris so rainwater can flow freely. Direct downspouts to grassy areas or gardens instead of driveways.
- **Plant Natives:** Add native trees, shrubs and perennials to help soak up spring rains. Consider planting a rain garden in low spots of your yard where water naturally collects.
- **Mulch Garden Beds:** Mulch helps to prevent weed growth, reduce erosion, keep soil moist and reduce runoff. Make sure to use un-dyed mulch!
- **Install a Rain Barrel:** Rain barrels are designed to capture stormwater from your roof. You can use the collected water for gardens and landscaping!



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