



MANAGING SPRING STORMWATER

Tips for reducing stormwater pollution
on your property this spring:

- 1) Plant native trees, shrubs and perennials! Native plants have deep root systems which help them to absorb more rain water than non-natives. They also require less maintenance than non-native plants.
- 2) Install a rain barrel. Rain barrels capture water from your roof before it can become polluted storm water runoff. It is also a great source of free water that can be used to water plants or top off a swimming pool.
- 3) Reduce chemical use and never use before it rains. Fertilizers and weed killers can be washed off your property and into nearby waterways when it rains.
- 4) Consider alternatives to traditional pavement. There are many convenient pervious pavement options that reduce stormwater runoff.

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SUMMER WATER CONSERVATION

Eco-friendly tips for managing your property this summer

- 1) **Wash your car at a car wash.** Most car washes reuse the wash water before sending it to a treatment plant. If you want to wash your car at home, wash it on gravel or grass.
- 2) **Start composting.** Pre-made compost tumblers are a great option for a small yard. Not only does composting reduce waste, but adding compost to your soil helps with stormwater infiltration.
- 3) **Only rain should go down storm drains.** Make sure not to blow grass clippings into storm drains, and if hosing off your driveway or car, try to send the runoff into a vegetated area.
- 4) **Set sprinklers to minimize runoff.** Make sure sprinkler heads are adjusted to reduce overspray and only water the minimum amount necessary for the plant.

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