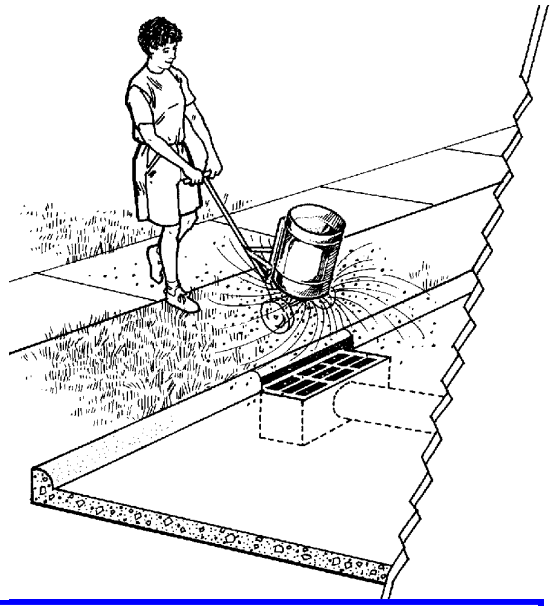


RECOMMENDED METHODS
(Best Management Practices)
for
STORM WATER PROTECTION
and
WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION

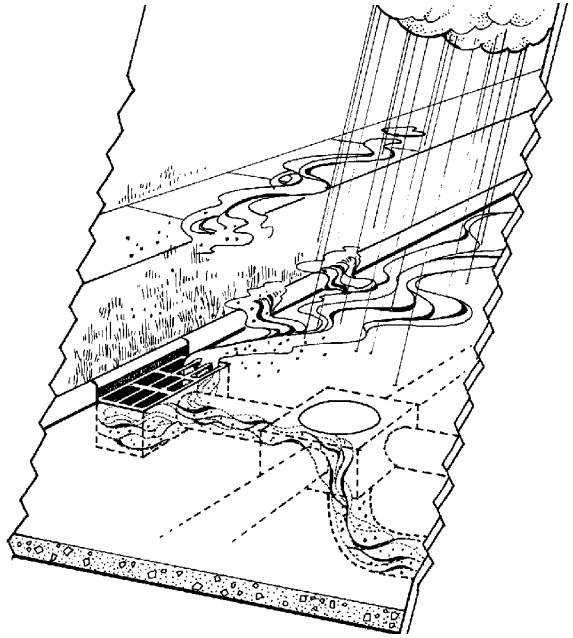
This brochure is presented to help residents/business owners comply with the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Storm Water Regulations

CITY OF JOPLIN MISSOURI

Engineering Department
417-624-0820 Ext. 538
and
Storm Water Education
417-624-0820 Ext. 501

WHAT RESIDENTS CAN DO TO PROTECT OUR WATER QUALITY

- Stop **trash, leaves, grass clippings and soil** from entering storm drains.
- Practice environmentally sound **business decisions,** don't buy more chemicals than needed.



- Inspect your **septic system** routinely.
- Use a commercial **car wash** or wash car on lawn, not in street.
- Dispose of **Household Hazardous Waste** and **Cooking Oil** properly. Joplin Recycling Center accepts HHW (except paint) and cooking oil from residents (no commercial or business waste, some rules apply.) See note*
- Use **fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides & fungicides** judiciously on lawns and gardens. Water efficiently when needed. Dispose of unwanted chemicals at the Joplin Recycling Center (some rules apply). Consider using **compost** instead of chemicals. For a free *Homeowners' Composting Guide*, see note*.
- **Adopt a stream** and clean it up.
- Direct roofing gutter **downspouts** to vegetative area, not to driveways or sidewalks.
- Remove all **pet waste** from yard and curb and dispose of in trash or an in-ground digester to prevent spread of bacteria.. Never place in a compost bin or municipal compost facility.
- Never discharge **pool or spa water** to a street or storm drain. Let chlorine dissipate for a few days, then drain it gradually onto a landscaped area. Do not use copper-based algaecides unless absolutely necessary. Control algae with chlorine or alternatives.

***Note: Call the City of Joplin at (417) 624-0820 Ext. 501**



• Recycle automotive antifreeze at Lube-N-Oil, 906 West 7th Street.

• Recycle automotive oil at all O'Reilly Auto Parts locations, AutoZone, Lube-N-Oil at 906 West 7th and all Wal-Mart locations.

• Public comment regarding soil erosion issues pertaining to residential and commercial building construction projects should be filed with the City of Joplin Engineering Department, 602 South Main Street. Each comment will be addressed with a return response sent by appropriate City staff.

Construction project Storm Water Plans may be viewed at the City of Joplin Public Works Department, City Hall 4th Floor, 602 South Main Street.



• Report illicit discharge of sewage and pollutants to City of Joplin Code Enforcement (417) 624-0820 Ext. 518 or Health Department (417) 623-6122.

•When refilling your vehicle, do not let the gasoline spill on to the pavement; stop filling at the click. Stopping at the click will also help reduce ground-level ozone levels and make the air we breathe cleaner.

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.

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Additional Information:
www.joplinmo.org/publicworks
www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater
www.dnr.mo.gov/env/wpp/stormwater

ILLEGAL DUMPING
&
SPILL RESPONSE:
Dial 911
(ask for Fire Department)



For Recycling, Compost, and all types of waste disposal information contact the Joplin Recycling Coordinator at (417) 624-0820 Extension 501

City of Joplin Recycling Center
1310 West A Street

- - - Hours of Operation - - -

Tuesday & Thursday Noon-6 PM
Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 9 AM-3 PM

Household Hazardous Waste & Waste Electronics recycling services funded in part by Region M Solid Waste Management District and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources