



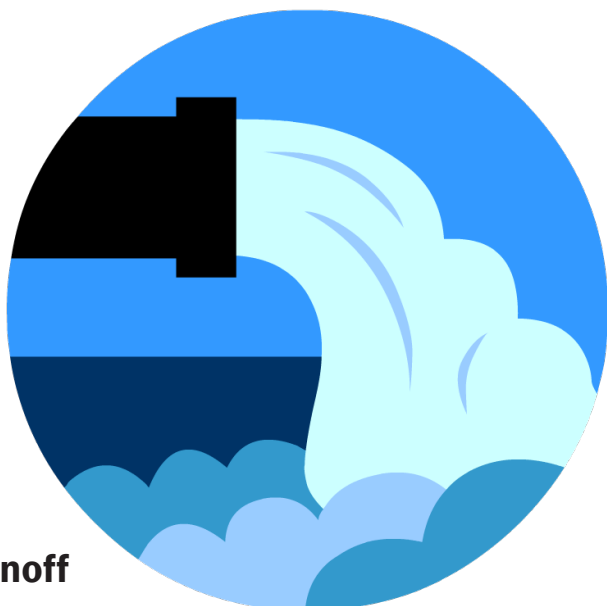
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**Let's work  
together to  
protect your  
local water  
resources.**



**Polluted stormwater runoff**  
contaminates the streams  
and ponds in the Neponset,  
Charles, Taunton, and Fore  
River Watersheds.



**Polluted stormwater runoff is the #1 cause of water pollution  
in your community and it affects your:**

- drinking water
- swimming, fishing & boating
- fish & wildlife

**Commit to reducing polluted  
stormwater runoff at your home  
or business, and ensure clean  
water for future generations!**

**Together, we  
can make a  
difference!**

# Here are some simple steps you can take around your home & business to protect your local waterways.

## Pick Up After Your Dog

ALWAYS pick up after your pet and throw the waste into a trash can.



Bacteria from pet waste is a major source of water pollution!

## Reduce Lawn Chemicals

Only fertilize when needed—do a soil test! Keep yard waste away from storm drains. Fertilizer, grass clippings and leaves can contribute phosphorous pollution to streams.



## Build a Rain Garden

Help reduce polluted stormwater and flooding by capturing runoff from your rooftop, driveway, or the street and redirecting it into a rain garden.



## Turn Your Downspouts

Redirect downspouts away from pavement and toward a lawn, garden, or wooded area to prevent runoff and allow water to soak into the ground naturally.

## Clean up Spills

Sweep up excess fertilizer, pesticides, or motor oil off of driveways and sidewalks so that chemicals don't wash into storm drains. Use kitty litter for absorption.

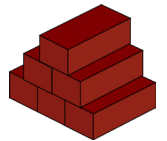


## Wash Cars on the Lawn

Wash your car on the lawn or park it in an area where the water will run off into the grass. Better yet, go to a car wash, which recycles and conserves water.

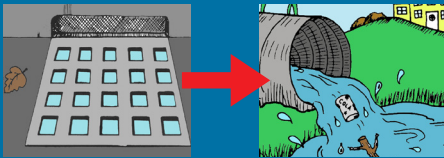
## Use Pervious Materials

When building walkways, patios, or driveways, use pervious pavers or gravel so that rain can pass into the soil.



## Install a Rain Barrel

Install rain barrels to capture roof runoff AND help conserve water. Rainwater is free of chlorine and great for watering potted plants and gardens.



## Storm Drains Lead to Streams

Anything you put in a storm drain or leave on the pavement gets washed into the drain when it rains. Then it gets carried to the nearest stream with no treatment.

Take our survey for a chance to win a new rain barrel!  
Go to [yourcleanwater.org/survey](http://yourcleanwater.org/survey)

Your town is a member of the Neponset Stormwater Partnership (NSP), a regional group managed by the Neponset River Watershed Association that is committed to reducing water pollution and complying with federal pollution reduction requirements.

Learn more at [YourCleanWater.org](http://YourCleanWater.org)

