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## Only Rain Down the Drain

*Each of us plays a part in protecting our local lakes, streams, and wetlands. When we work together to be good neighbors and water stewards, we can ensure local waters are healthy for generations to come.*



### Where do storm drains flow?

**Our storm drains send water straight to local lakes, streams, and wetlands.** Whatever passes through them has a direct impact on the health of our local waters and our community.



Photo by a watershed resident.



### What can go down a storm drain?

**Only rainwater and snowmelt!** In fact, it is illegal to send anything that is not water down a storm drain. That means oil, paint, grease, pool water, grass clippings, yard debris, water softener salt, and trash may not be put down the storm drain.

**This prohibited dumping is called an “illicit discharge,” and it can result in a fine.**



### How can I get involved?

**If you see something, say something.** If you spot an illicit discharge, contact your City or Township to anonymously report it. More info on reverse.

**Spread the word - and the clean water actions.** Things like blowing grass clippings back into your yard, picking up trash, and throwing away pet waste seem small, but they add up! You can lead by example in your community.

You can adopt a storm drain near you! Visit **[adopt-a-drain.org](http://adopt-a-drain.org)** to claim your storm drain and keep it free from debris. With just fifteen minutes a couple of times a month, you can make a tangible impact on the health of local waters. Join the movement today!

**ADOPT  
A STORM  
DRAIN** 



**Working to protect and improve water  
and natural resources in the watershed.**

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ways you can protect our local waters.**

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