

Pet Waste adds harmful bacteria and nutrients to streams. Always pick up after your pet. Put pet waste in the trash or flush it down the toilet.

Paint harms people, animals and plants when poured down a storm drain. For proper disposal in your area, call the number below.

Yard Waste adds pollution to streams and clogs storm drains, which causes flooding. Compost your yard waste or bag it for municipal collection.

Plastics and Litter can entangle both terrestrial and aquatic animals and kill them. Litter detracts from the natural beauty of our streams. Recycle or put litter in the trash.

Call 911 or your fire department if you see oil spills or other liquid spills in a waterway. If possible, take a picture of the problem.

Don't dump anything down a storm drain, including pet waste! Keep our streams safe for fishing and swimming. Please report polluters.

Report water pollution problems or illegal dumping immediately to the:

District of Columbia - 311

Montgomery County - (240) 777-DUMP
(6410)

Prince George's County - (301) 95-CLEAN
(25326)
or (301) 883-5045

Coming Soon to a Storm Drain Near You!



Watch for this marker in your neighborhood

New storm drain markers feature a local bird and fish to remind us that anything we put in a storm drain goes directly into our streams. The Anacostia River and all of our streams drain to the Potomac River, which in turn drains to the Chesapeake Bay. The Potomac River is an important drinking water supply.

Keep our streams clean and safe for our children, pets, fish and other wildlife.

Only Rain in the Drain

Motor Oil and Antifreeze damage or kill plants, fish, birds and other wildlife and their habitat. Pets like the taste of antifreeze and will die if they drink it. A single quart of oil can contaminate up to two million gallons of drinking water. Put oil and antifreeze in sturdy containers. Call the numbers on the reverse for information on proper disposal of harmful household waste.