



Stormwater is one of the leading causes of water pollution in the United States. Stormwater comes from precipitation that flows across ground or pavement when it rains or when ice or snow melt. Stormwater runoff picks up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants. Unlike the water from showers and toilets that goes into a sanitary sewer system, stormwater does NOT go to a wastewater treatment plant. It enters the watershed and is then transported by drains, streets, curbs, and open channels directly to retention and infiltration basins, parks, rivers, community lakes, and drinking water sources.

**SUBSTANCES CARRIED BY STORMWATER THAT ARE CONSIDERED POLLUTANTS INCLUDE:**

**Hazardous Materials**

**Pesticides & Fertilizers**

**Motor Oil/Vehicle Fluids**

**Industrial Cleansers & Solvents**

**Sediment & Trash**

**Construction Debris**

For more information, please visit:  
[cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/stormwatermonth.cfm](http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/stormwatermonth.cfm)



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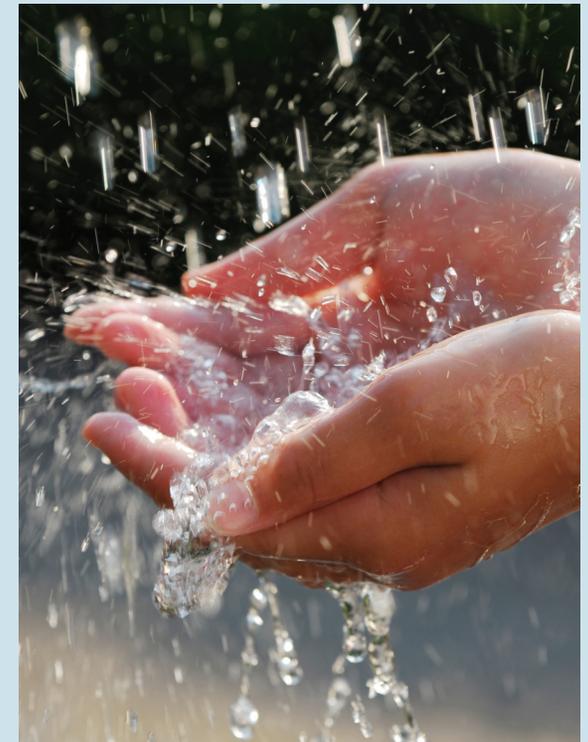
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POLLUTION**

STORMWATER AWARENESS TIPS FOR  
 COCONINO COUNTY  
**BUSINESSES**



# Preventing Stormwater Pollution is Everyone's Business

## BUILDING MAINTENANCE

NEVER ALLOW WASH WATER, sweepings or sediment to enter a street, gutter or storm drain. Instead, sweep up debris & dispose of it in the trash.

DON'T HOSE DOWN SPILLS...sweep up dry spills & use cat litter, towels or similar materials to absorb wet spills. Dispose of these materials in the trash.

USE DROP CLOTHS for painting, scraping, sandblasting and other maintenance projects. Properly dispose of these materials after use.



Stormwater runoff can carry potential contaminants that pollute our water sources.

DAMP MOP FLOORS and properly dispose of the water down a wastewater drain.

PROPERLY CONTAIN ALL WATER from window, building and parking lot cleaning. Contact the appropriate sanitation agency for proper disposal information.

COVERED DUMPSTERS KEEP TRASH IN and insects, animals & stormwater out. Make sure that the area around your dumpster is clear of trash and debris. Never overfill dumpsters & contact your trash hauler as soon as possible to replace any leaking dumpsters.

RECYCLE PAINTS, solvents and other maintenance materials whenever possible.

PROPERLY DISPOSE of unusable, hazardous office items such as spent batteries, old computer equipment and fluorescent lights at an authorized hazardous waste collection center.

NEVER DUMP ANY TOXIC SUBSTANCES on the ground or near a storm drain.

KEEP ALL CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS away from streets, gutters and storm drains.

ROUTINELY MONITOR FLEET VEHICLES for leaks.

NEVER pour antifreeze, oil or other vehicle fluids into the street, gutter or storm drain. Recycle these substances at a service station or other authorized waste collection center.

WASH FLEET VEHICLES at a commercial carwash whenever possible, or make sure that wash water at your business does not enter a street, gutter or storm drain.

USE A CONSTRUCTION/demolition recycling company to dispose of waste and excess project materials such as cardboard, carpet, dry wall, metals and plastics.

MAKE SURE THAT ALL HAZARDOUS MATERIALS are properly labeled in accordance with Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) guidelines.

**NEVER DISPOSE OF  
ANYTHING IN A  
STORMWATER DRAIN!**



Use natural alternatives to commercial pesticides and fertilizers whenever possible.

## LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

BE SURE TO FOLLOW all instructions and do not apply pesticides and/or fertilizers if a rainstorm is imminent with 48 hours.

COMPOST LEAVES, grass and other landscape clippings or dispose of these materials at a permitted landfill.

DON'T OVERWATER LAWNS onto your driveway, maintenance yard or sidewalk.

PERIODICALLY INSPECT your sprinkler system and hose connections to fix leaks & correctly aim sprinklers.

IF FERTILIZER OR PESTICIDE is spilled onto the pavement or sidewalk, sweep it up immediately and put it back into its container.

CLEAN UP any animal waste as soon as possible.

COVER DIRT and sediment to keep it from being dispersed by rain and wind.