



# Horsham Township Resident's Guide to Stormwater Management

## What is stormwater?

Stormwater is the runoff from precipitation that flows into storm drains or other water sources.

## Where does water in the storm sewer go?

Water and anything else that is in the storm sewer eventually flows into local streams and ponds. A storm sewer system is not treated or cleaned before being discharged into our local waters. This is why your assistance is needed to improve local water quality.

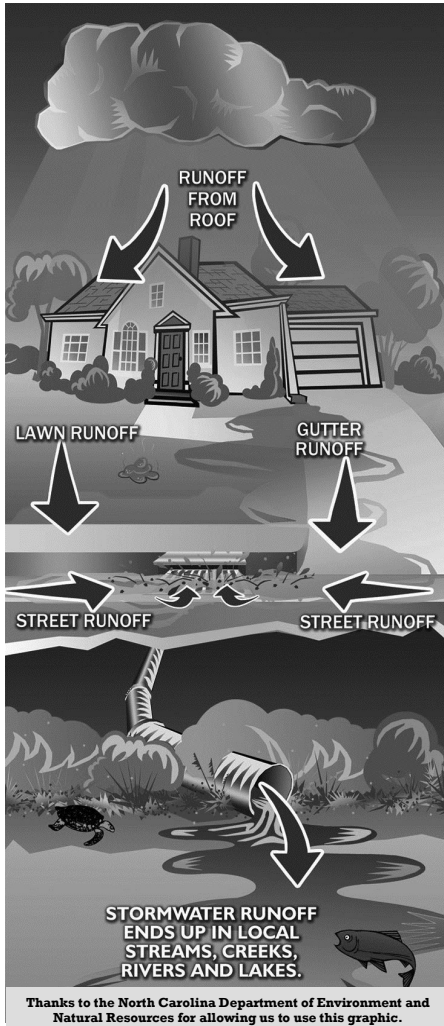
## Things you can do to help limit stormwater runoff pollution

**Vehicles:** make sure that your vehicle is not leaking any fluids

**Lawn and Garden:** use fertilizers sparingly & consider switching to an organic

**Pet Waste:** pick up after your pet and dispose of the waste in your trash can

**\*\*Do not dump liquids or put trash into a storm drain!\*\***



Thanks to the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources for allowing us to use this graphic.

## Storm Drain Markers

These markers educate and discourage anyone who may be looking to dump in to the storm drain. Horsham Township has put storm drain markers on many of our storm drains. If you know of any storm drains that are missing markers please e-mail us their locations at [stormwater@horsham.org](mailto:stormwater@horsham.org)



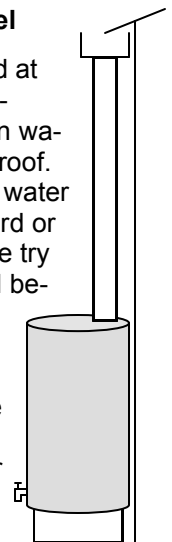
## Things you can do to help limit stormwater runoff volume

### Install a Rain Garden

A rain garden is a planted shallow depression designed to catch and filter rainfall runoff. The garden captures rain from a downspout or a driveway. The water sinks into the ground, aided by deep rooted plants that like wet and dry conditions. A residential rain garden should dry out between rains and should only hold water for approximately 24 hrs. This timeframe prevents standing water that could create mosquito habitat. More information on rain gardens can be found on the web. Make sure to use plants that can take a wet environment.

### Install a Rain Barrel

Rain barrels are installed at the bottom of your downspouts and catch the rain water that comes off the roof. You can then reuse that water to water your garden, yard or to wash your car. Please try to empty your rain barrel between rain events to maximize the effectiveness of the rain barrel. You can either purchase your rain barrel from a home center or online or you can make your own.



### Plant trees and shrubs

Planting trees, shrubs and/or plants that have a deep root structure help storm water infiltrate into the ground. They also catch rain water on their leaves and branches which helps to reduce the amount of runoff during a storm.

### Pollution/Illicit Discharge

To report spills, dumping or discharges of pollutants into the street, storm water system or streams, call the police at 215-643-3600.

### Township Contact Information

Call Mark Hudson at 215-672-6913  
E-mail: [stormwater@horsham.org](mailto:stormwater@horsham.org)



**For more information visit our stormwater management web page:**

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