

# Storm Water Pollution Prevention Information

*Help protect our rivers, lakes, and streams by implementing the following guidelines*

- 1 Clean up** pet waste on your property and when out in public with your pets.
- Don't pour** household chemicals down the drain or into the storm drain system.
- Sweep** grass clippings and dispose of in trash cans.
- Direct downspouts** onto lawns away from paved surfaces.
- Wash vehicles** on the lawn or over a landscaped area.
- Clean up spills** when working on vehicles, landscaping equipment, or farming equipment.

## Clean water begins at home



Storm water pollution from residential areas can damage the water quality of Montana's streams, rivers, and lakes. Common pollutants include pet waste, household chemicals, vehicles fluids, and landscaping materials. Help prevent storm water pollution by maintaining your community, reporting illegal dumping into the storm drainage system, and encouraging your community members to help prevent storm water pollution.

## Keep it Clean and Protect our Streams

### What is Illegal Dumping?

Illegal dumping takes place when any waste material is accidentally or purposely dumped into a surface water gutter, or storm drain. Illegal dumping can affect water quality, make swimming unsafe, and damage fish habitat.

### Examples of Illegal Dumping:

- Dumping household chemicals
- Dumping vehicle fluids
- Trash & debris
- Sanitary waste water (sewage)



**To report illegal dumping of liquids or other materials into the storm drainage system in Yellowstone County or the City of Billings, please contact**

- Yellowstone County Public Works: (406) 256-2735
- City of Billings Environmental Division: (406) 247-8517