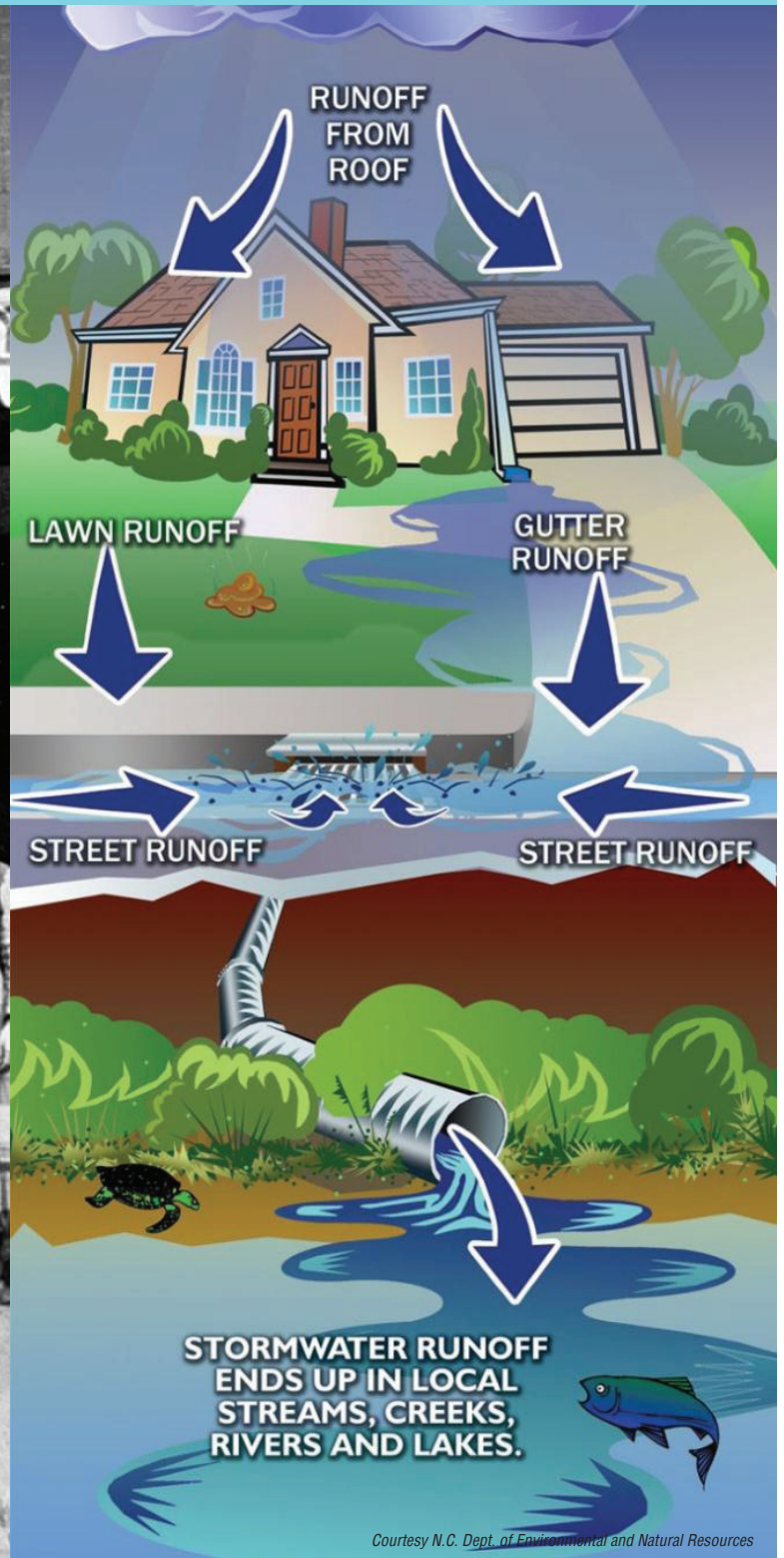


Help keep waterways clean in your town

When rain water flows over lawns, gardens, and impervious surfaces—and does not seep into the ground—it carries pollutants such as bacteria, nutrients, metals, and chemicals into local waterways, affecting the cleanliness and health of the water that we rely on for drinking and recreation. We call this water **stormwater pollution**.



Anything that washes down a stormdrain can affect our waterways. Common pollutants include: Antifreeze, Detergents, Fertilizers, Gasoline, Household Chemicals, Motor Oil, Paints, Pesticides, Pet Waste, Road Salt, Solvents, Yard Waste

Take simple steps now to **prevent stormwater pollution**:

- Keep dumpster areas swept clean of litter, debris and sediments—and keep them covered. Schedule regular pick-ups.
- Sweep parking lot, walkways and patios on a regular basis. Do not use a hose to wash down pavement.
- Keep stormdrains clear of debris and landscaping materials.
- Avoid excessive salting in the winter, and sweep up spills.
- Pour washwater down a sanitary sewer (sink or toilet), never down a stormdrain.
- Use non-toxic cleaning products and organic lawn chemicals.
- Water lawns and gardens only. Don't allow irrigation to spray onto pavement.

We're working with your town to reduce stormwater pollution. More at www.neponsetstormwater.org

