

Storm Water Pollution Prevention

The Town has several storm drains that drain storm water into the Agua Fria River. In order to prevent contamination to downstream rivers, the Town has in place a Stormwater Management Program.

Residents need to be aware that it is illegal to dump pollutants down a storm drain. A pollutant is any solid, liquid, gas or other substance that can alter the physical or chemical properties of water including, but not limited to fertilizers, solvents, sludge, petroleum and petroleum products, solid waste, garbage, biological materials, radioactive materials, sand, dirt, animal waste, acids and bases. Civil and criminal penalties can be assessed to any person who willfully or negligently violates the laws and regulations pertaining to storm water drainage.

What can you do?

Our goal is to allow only rain water to flow down the storm water drains. Storm water runoff will pick up pollutants and flow these pollutants into the storm drains. Residents and businesses can help to prevent storm water pollution runoff by:

- Using fertilizers sparingly and sweeping up driveways and sidewalks.
- Never dump anything down a storm drain.
- Vegetate bare spots in your yard.
- Compost your yard waste.
- Follow the label information on pesticides.
- Take your car to the carwash instead of washing it in the driveway.
- Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil.
- Pick up after your pet.

Remember, only rain down the storm drain. Brochures and informational resources are available in the Library and the lobby in Town Hall for residents to learn more about how to prevent storm water pollution.