

## Help Keep Pollution out of Storm Drains

Remember, it ALL drains to our streams, lakes, and wetlands.

What's the issue?

All storm drains from Bountiful City lead to our streams which lead to Bountiful Lake and the wetlands of the Great Salt Lake. Any oil, pet waste, leaves, or dirty water from washing your car that enters a storm drain gets into our streams, lakes, and wetlands. With over forty thousand people living in Bountiful City, we can all help control what gets into our public waters. Remember, only rain in the drain!

What are some helpful tips?

Here are some simple steps you can take to help keep pollutants out of storm drains and keep our water clean. Give them a try. A few simple changes can make a big difference!

Sweep it. Do you have extra fertilizer, grass clippings, or dirt on your driveway? Sweep it back onto your lawn. Hosing your driveway sends these pollutants into storm drains that lead to our streams, lakes and wetlands.

Keep it clean. Whether in the street or in your yard, remember to keep leaves, grass clippings, mud, trash, and fertilizers out of storm drains. Mud tracked from new home construction or other construction sites should be prevented. When leaves, grass clippings, or mud get onto the streets, they are washed into the storm drains which causes clogging and pollution.

Don't store it in the street. Stockpiling construction materials such as sand, gravel, mulch or topsoil in the streets is illegal because it impedes traffic. Violators may be cited. In addition to traffic problems, when the material is washed down the storm drain during a storm it clogs the drains and pollutes the water.

Only rain in the drain. Never dump motor oil, chemicals, pet waste, dirty or soapy water, or anything else down the storm drain. All of these materials pollute our lakes and streams!

If material such as leaves, sediment, or chemicals makes its way into the storm drain, it then flows into our local streams and can alter the chemistry and quality of the water. This may cause excessive growth of algae and harm fish and other aquatic life.

Please do your part in helping to improve the quality of the water which drains from Bountiful City through the storm drain system.