

THE CITY OF NIXA

# SOLUTIONS TO STORM WATER POLLUTION

## You too can be part of the solution to pollution

### Special points of interest:

- As a resident or business owner in the City of Nixa, it is important to know that there are a few easy steps you can take every day to protect the quality of our water supply.
- For more information on storm water pollution go to [www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater](http://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater)
- [www.nixa.com](http://www.nixa.com)

### COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL:

Certain non-stormwater discharges are prohibited from entering the Storm Sewer System. These discharges include, but are not limited to:

- \* Wash water from concrete, plaster, sand or any wash from cleaning tools and equipment.
- \* Trash, debris, and leakage from around dumpster.
- \* Cleaning and draining of mop water into anything other than a sanitary sewer drain.

### CONSTRUCTION:

All construction sites 1

acre or more in size are required to implement an effective combination of Sediment & Erosion Control and Waste Material Management Control.

These controls include but are not limited to:

- \* Dust Control
- \* Sedimentation Control
- \* Off Site tracking
- \* Waste Management Pollution Control.

A Sanitary Sewer System and a Storm Sewer System are not the same.

Water and waste from sinks and toilets go to a treatment facility to be treated & filtered.

Storm Sewer Systems



*A rain barrel to collect & store rain water for future use around your house and garden.*

carry water directly to the river, lake, or stream untreated & un-filtered.

## RESIDENTIAL RUNOFF IS A MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO STORMWATER POLLUTION :

### To keep the water that enters the Storm Sewer clean, follow these simple guidelines:

- \* Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly.
- \* Repair automobile leaks ASAP and dispose of used auto fluids (antifreeze, oil, Etc) properly.
- \* Dispose of household waste properly.
- \* Take your vehicle to a commercial carwash, do not wash in the driveway or the street. Do not wash your vehicle in a creek, stream or river. If you must wash your vehicle at home, do so in the grass with a biodegradable detergent.
- \* Always remember to pick up pet waste regularly.
- \* Clean painting equipment in a sink, not outside.

### Try harvesting the rain water on your property, to water house hold plants, the garden, Etc.:

- \* RAIN GARDNS: A natural or dug shallow depression planted with suitable trees, shrubs or flowers, and other plants allowing runoff to soak into the ground and protect the water quality.
- \* RAIN BARREL: A barrel or other container that collects and stores rain water for future use around the house.
- \* To lessen pollution, we all need to change our habits and mind set. Your efforts along with your neighbors can make a big difference.