

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
- 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.