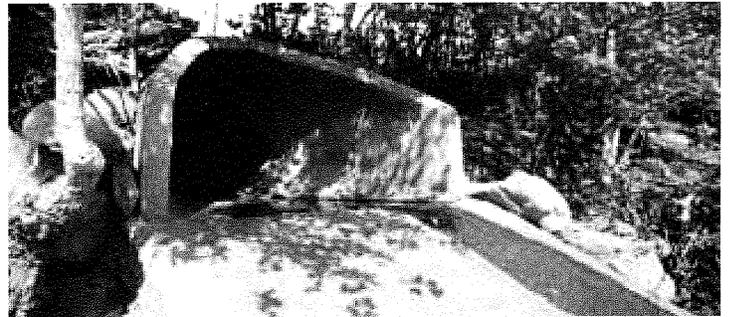




Unfortunately, chemicals, oil, trash and other debris that have been spilled accidentally or intentionally can also enter the storm drain system. The water from storm drains typically flows untreated to a nearby stream, river or other water body, causing water pollution.

Stormwater Pollution causes erosion, habitat degradation, and poor water quality, impacting commercial and recreational fishing, swimming, and boating.

Dumping waste onto the street is a large contributor of water pollution in the country and it is against the law.



Storm Drain Outfall



You can help protect the local water resources by adopting these tips:

- Never discharge wash water or toxic materials such as antifreeze, waste oil, used solvents, or paints to a storm drain or water body.
- Use commercial car washes, or wash vehicles on a lawn so the soapy water does not flow directly to a storm drain.
- Use biodegradable soaps.
- Never Throw Dog Waste Down A Storm Drain! Bacteria and other parasites can survive for long periods and compromise water quality.
- Don't over fertilize! Lawn chemicals contain pollutants that may contaminate drinking water supplies. Follow fertilizer package instructions.

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