



Stormwater Pollution Best Management Practices

Tips for Protecting Our Water Resources from Stormwater Pollution

Common household activities can contribute significantly to stormwater pollution. Proper handling and care of many of the materials that we use daily can greatly reduce pollution. Follow these best management practices to protect the water resources in your community.

Disposal of Pet Waste

Pet waste is one of the leading causes of bacterial contamination of streams in Thurston County. Pet waste also causes the same nitrogen related problems as fertilizer and livestock manure. Roundworms, *E. coli*, and *Giardia* are just a few of the many harmful microorganisms that can be transmitted from pet waste to humans. Some can last in your yard for as long as four years if not cleaned up. The following pollution prevention activities can help keep our water resources clear of pet waste related pollutants.



- Always pick up after your pet using a plastic bag.
- Place the pet waste and bag in the trash.
- Always wash your hands after contact with pet waste.
- For information regarding the purchase of pet waste bags, contact the City of Tumwater Stream Team at 360-754-4140, or contact your veterinarian.
- Properly dispose of unused pet care products such as shampoo, sprays, collars and flea control products by contacting the Thurston County HazoHouse at 360-786-5494.
- For information regarding proper manure and pasture management for livestock, contact the Thurston Conservation District at 360-754-3588.

For more information regarding our water resources:

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(360) 754-4140 or visit our website
www.ci.tumwater.wa.us