

# What can I do?

Recycle and properly dispose of household products that contain chemicals such as, pesticides, paint, solvents, used motor oil and other automotive fluids.

Pick up your pet waste, don't blow leaves and grass clippings into the street, wash your car on your lawn or at a car wash, have your downspouts directed to your lawn, not your driveway, cover your load and don't litter.

Many communities within Minnesota are required to have a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program.

To find information for your community, check with your local city, county, or watershed.

## For more information

### **MnDOT Office of Environmental Stewardship**

395 John Ireland Boulevard  
Saint Paul, MN 55155  
651-366-3601

### **MnDOT Metro District MS4 Coordinator**

Waters Edge Building  
1500 West County Road B2  
Roseville, MN 55113  
651-234-7500.

# How can you keep Minnesota's water

# clean?



[dot.state.mn.us/metro/waterresources](https://dot.state.mn.us/metro/waterresources)



## What is stormwater runoff and how do the things we do influence it?

Stormwater runoff occurs when rain or snowmelt flows over land, pavement, rooftops and other surfaces and is prevented from naturally soaking into the ground.

## How does litter impact runoff?

Trash and debris collects in storm drains and can eventually end up in nearby lakes and rivers.

Pet waste, material from uncovered loads (mulch, rock, trash and recycling), soaps from car washing, oils and grease and other household detergents can all impact the quality of our water.



## Why should you care?

As of 2014 there are 2,307 rivers and streams and 1,781 lakes in Minnesota that have been identified with one or more pollutants.

In 2015 48,000 Adopt-A-Highway volunteers spent 190,000 hours picking up 485.5 tons of litter. That's equivalent to more than 100 dump trucks full of trash.

