

STORM-WHAT? STORMWATER!

The city of Grayson has a stormwater drainage system that effectively drains rainwater from our streets parking lots, and driveways to keep potentially unsafe puddles from forming and to prevent localized flooding. After that, where does the water go?

Stormwater drains are not part of the sewage system, meaning the water that enters them does not get treated. Stormwater is directed through underground pipes directly into the nearest waterway.

This direct connection means that if other substances or materials are left on the ground, or illegally dumped into storm drains, they travel with the rainwater to create pollution in Grayson creeks and streams. Most often, this includes such things as motor oil, paint, fertilizers and pesticides, pet waste, and soapy water.

These are easy ways to keep everyday items from becoming pollutants in our stormwater:

- Catch leaks from vehicles in drip pans and repair them quickly.
- Rinse paint brushes in a bucket dispose of it in a drain.
- Only apply fertilizers and pesticides as directed.
- Sweep up anything that lands on the sidewalk or roadway.
- Pick up after your pooch and throw it in the trash.
- Wash you car on a grassy or gravel area in your yard

If you see anyone dumping anything into a storm drain, you can report it to Grayson's stormwater partners, Gwinnett Water Resources, at 678.376.7000.

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