

# Preventing Water Pollution

The city of Grayson has storm drains that collect the runoff from rain, which prevents our streets from flooding. Storm drains are a direct link to local bodies of water. Unlike the sewer system, stormwater is not cleaned or treated before re-entering the environment. Therefore, rain can pick up any pollutants on its way to the drain, leading to pollution in our local waterways.

Every Grayson resident has the chance to help protect our waterways by never dumping anything into storm drains. Common pollutants include pet waste, car wash water, cleaning chemicals, and debris such as leaves and twigs.

Here are some tips to help keep the storm drains clear:

- Wash your car over grass or away from a storm drain
- Always pick up after your pet's
- Compost grass clippings and leaves or use them as mulch
- Clean up any vehicle spills, leaks or drips quickly

Dumping anything into storm drains is considered an illicit discharge and prohibited by the City's Illicit Discharge and Illegal Connection Ordinance. You can report any illicit discharges you see to Gwinnett Water Resources at 678.376.7000. Let's work together to keep Grayson's environment clean and healthy.

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