

PREVENTING POLLUTION IS AS EASY AS 1, 2, 3!

Pollution in the surface waters around Grayson could pose a risk to public health and harm the environment. However, Grayson's creeks and streams are relatively pollution free. To keep them that way our residents can help to protect the stormwater drainage system. The purpose of the stormwater system is to prevent localized flooding, not to provide filtration of water. Since stormwater drains direct rainwater directly to rivers, lakes, and streams it is important to keep anything other than rainwater from entering the drain. Only rain in the drain!

Protecting the stormwater system is as easy as 1, 2, 3:

1. Never put anything down a storm drain
2. Prevent dirty wash water from entering a storm drain
3. Clean up any spills, leaks, or drips quickly

Some common discharges to the stormwater system include leaves, pet waste, paint, motor oil, or soapy water. Leaves are frequently blown into drains and paint is often rinsed directly into them. Car washing often creates soapy runoff that flows to storm drain and vehicles can leak motor oil onto the driveway where rain washes it into a drain. All of these discharges could be considered illicit discharges and are prohibited by the City's Illicit Discharge and Illegal Connection ordinance.

To prevent illicit discharges, compost yard debris or bag it for pick up. Use a small amount of water rinse paint brushes and solidify the wastewater with cat litter. Wash your car on the lawn where the rinse water soaks in. Repair vehicle leaks quickly, catch leaks in a drip pan and recycle oil changes at the parts shop.

Grayson partners with Gwinnett Water Resources to protect our stormwater system. To learn more about preventing stormwater pollution, visit www.gwinnettstormwater.com.

To report an illicit discharge, call 678.376.7000.

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