



WHEN IT RAINS, IT DRAINS. IT ALL HAS TO GO SOMEWHERE.

Water from inside our homes goes to a wastewater facility for purification. However water from roofs, streets, and outdoor spigots go directly into storm drains - straight to our waterways - picking up all kinds of contaminants along the way!



DID YOU KNOW

Excess nutrients, specifically nitrogen and phosphorus, pollute stormwater run-off from urban areas, contributing to the **third greatest cause of lake deterioration** in the US.

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The amount of phosphorus in grass clippings from mowing your lawn just once can produce up to 100 pounds of unwanted algae if it ends up in our lakes, ponds and beaches!

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When you wash your car in the driveway, you are washing about **120 gallons** of grime-filled water downstream. The soap, together with the dirt, grease, and grime flows untreated into nearby storm drains that run into lakes and streams.



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Leaf "litter" and landscape trash accounts for **56%** of phosphorus in urban stormwater, not to mention clogging storm drains, causing potential flooding and increasing debris in our waterways.



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Just one pound of fertilizer overapplication on the average lawn can equate to roughly **35 pounds** of excess algae growth in streams and lakes and even beaches!



DID YOU KNOW

If dog owners don't clean up after their pooches, their waste can wash into our waterways! Dog waste contains roughly 10% **phosphates** as well as 2% of **nitrites**, contributing to algae growth.

