

**Only RAIN
Down the Drain**

Stormwater pollution comes from many sources. Rain or overwatering can carry pollutants like waste oil, pesticides, paint, and pet waste down the gutter and into a storm drain. Unlike our sinks and toilets, these storm drains flow directly to the Mokelumne River.

Pollutants are carried into our waterways without treatment. This contaminates the water and can harm wildlife.

The City of Lodi's Stormwater Management Program is committed to protecting our rivers by involving and educating our residents in stormwater pollution prevention.



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**Stormwater
Pollution
Prevention**

**What You
Can Do!**



What you can do:

Being storm ready

Rake ... Sweep ... Remove debris from the drain inlets, Leaves plug the drain inlets and cause localized flooding. Pick up leaves and put them in your gray waste container for collection by the refuse company.

Washing your car

Use minimal amounts of biodegradable, phosphate-free soap. Wash your car on grass or gravel areas. Put a spray nozzle on your hose to conserve water. Empty any remaining soapy wash water into a toilet or sink or pour on to a landscaped area.

Painting your house

Choose water based paints over more toxic oil based paints. Use up all the paint before disposing of the can. Let any residual paint air dry in the can and then throw it in the garbage. Wipe your paint brushes then rinse them in the sink. Do not rinse paint equipment in the gutter.

Volunteering

Your organization's help is needed to attach storm drain markers near storm drain inlets. The markers help remind



people not to dump into the drain, and also provides the storm drain hotline so that any illicit dumping can be reported. Call 333-6740 to volunteer.

Caring for your pets

Pick up pet waste. Bag it and throw it away in your garbage. Bacteria in pet waste can harm fish in our rivers and streams.



Watering your lawn

Conserve water, do not over water. Apply lawn fertilizers and pesticides sparingly to reduce run off. Use non-toxic pest controls such as ladybugs or insecticidal soaps for aphids. Use grass clippings as mulch for your lawn.

Cleaning your driveway

Use an absorbent like kitty litter or sand to soak up oil and antifreeze. Sweep the mixture up. Bag it and throw it in the garbage. Never hose pollutants down your driveway.

Spreading the word

Spread the word to your neighbors that helping to maintain clean storm drains helps everyone. Remember ...Only Rain Down the Drain!

Dual Use Parks/Stormwater Basins

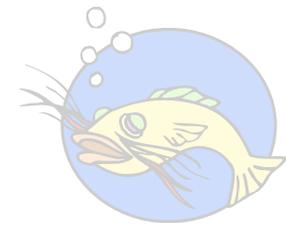
Many of Lodi's Parks are dual use facilities. This means that the rain drains through the drainage system and into the

basin in the park. After it is held there for a short period of time, it is pumped into the next segment of the drainage system, and eventually flows into the Mokelumne River. Because of this, hazardous waste that is disposed into the storm drain system could contaminate your local park. Please report any incidents of waste dumping to the Lodi Storm drain Hotline 368-5735.

Learn More

Go to the following websites for more stormwater information:

www.lodi.gov/stormwater
www.cabmphandbooks.com



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