

What is storm water runoff?

Storm water runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snowmelt flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, and streets prevent storm water from naturally soaking into the ground.



Why is storm water runoff a problem?

Storm water can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river or wetland. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the water we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water.



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CITY OF PARKERSBURG STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

What are we required to do with the storm water?

The Federal EPA has designated Parkersburg as a "MS4" (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) storm water community. This means that the City must actively manage storm water to the new EPA and DEP standards. Parkersburg is subject to significant penalties for failure to comply with the Federal requirements.



TIPS TO PREVENT STORM WATER RUNOFF POLLUTION

- Keep driveways, sidewalks, and gutters clear of debris.
- Never dump anything down storm drains or into streams.
- Pick up after your pet.
- Check your car and other machinery for leaks and recycle your motor oil.
- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly.
- Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface.
- Properly dispose of antifreeze, paint and other chemicals. Never dump them on the street or into a storm drain.
- Consider using rain barrels to collect rain water from your roof for watering your lawn or garden.

What are the benefits of storm water management?

By enacting storm water management, the City will comply with Federal requirements. This also means improvement of the water quality in our local watershed. Other benefits may include flood control, reduction in pollution, improved watershed planning, public education and improved maintenance, repair, and expansion of our storm water collection system.



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