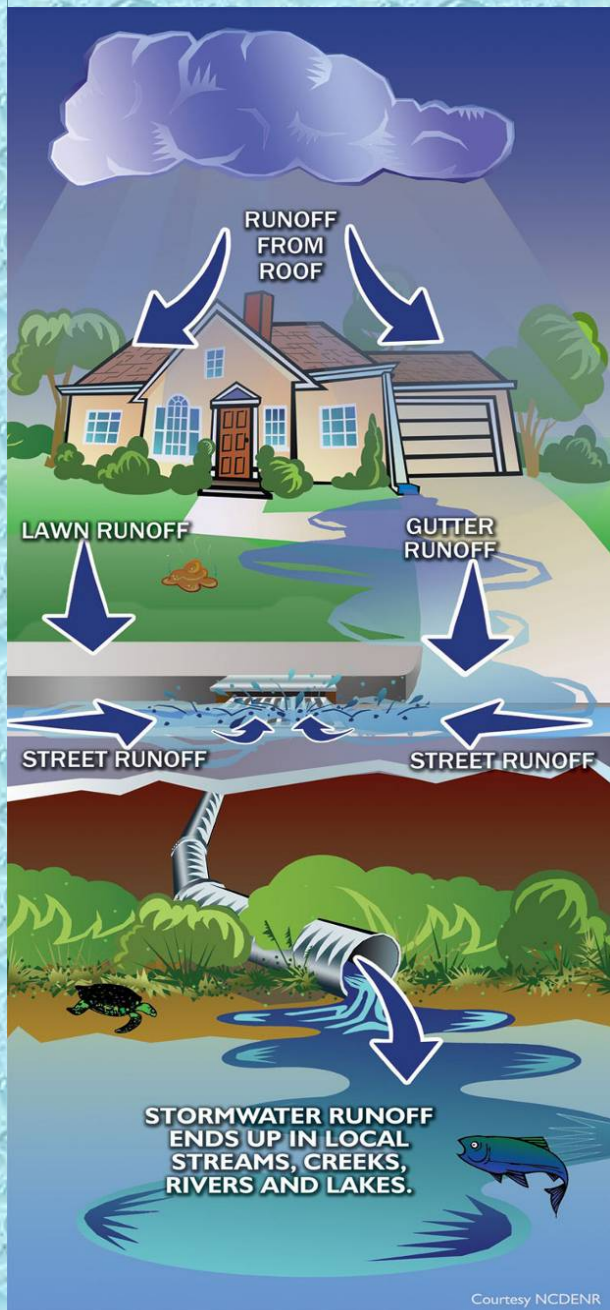


## Make Your Home the Solution to Stormwater Pollution



## Slow the Flow From Your Property

- Avoid over-irrigating
- Wash vehicles and mobile equipment only on grass - not pavement
- Clean outdoor surfaces by sweeping not washing/rinsing with hose
- Dispose of unwanted pool water by draining onto a grassed area, avoiding septic tank drainfields, and allow percolation. Don't run the water onto the street
- Consider porous pavement materials for driveways and sidewalks
- Direct roof downspouts to areas where it can soak into the soil
- Native vegetation and mulch can replace high maintenance grass lawns

## Eco-Friendly Household Habits for Clean Water

- Choose fertilizers with at least 30% slow-release nitrogen and apply 25' from the edge of waterbodies
- Use environmentally friendly alternatives to pesticides - visit [www.FloridaYards.org](http://www.FloridaYards.org)
- Bury pet waste 5" below soil away from well, gardens, and playgrounds
- Compost grass clippings or return to yard instead of blowing into the street
- Get septic system checked every 3 years
- Maintain vehicle fluids to avoid leaks

Visit [www.IRCgov.com/stormwater](http://www.IRCgov.com/stormwater)

## DETECT & REPORT POLLUTION

*Remember: Only rain goes down the storm drain!*

Examples of prohibited practices include the connection/disposal of wastewater, grey water (laundry), rooftop runoff conveyances, chemicals, and other waste products into ditches, storm sewers, catch basins, and any waterbody.



Figure 5: Dumping at a storm drain inlet

All discharges such as direct connections of wastewater and effluent from residential or industrial/commercial sources, non-authorized connections, and illegal dumping are prohibited per Indian River County Ordinances 201.3 and 204.19.



## Things to look for:

Unusual odor, color, or the presence of an oily sheen



Suds, scum, or foam coming out of or around an outfall pipe



Only Rain Goes  
in Storm Drains

**REPORT  
DUMPING**

OF ANY SUBSTANCE  
INTO STORM DRAINS  
AND CANALS

**772-226-1888**

OR

**REPORT ONLINE**

## What is Stormwater Runoff?



Rainfall becomes stormwater when it can no longer soak into the ground and “runs off” pervious or impervious surfaces such as paved roads, patios, sidewalks, yards, and driveways.

## Why is the Amount of Stormwater Runoff Increasing?



### Development: Before and After

Urban growth increases the amount of impervious surfaces such as roads, parking lots, and rooftops which prevent rain from soaking, into the ground. A typical city block generates 5 times more runoff than a woodland area of the same size.

## What is the Problem?

The first ½ half-inch of rain traveling on a non-porous surface may carry 90% of contaminants into the storm sewer system by way of storm drains, ditches, or swales. Many times things that enter a stormwater system are discharged untreated into waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water. Polluted runoff is the nation’s greatest threat to clean water.

### Swales and Stormdrains



### Indian River Lagoon Watershed Citizens Learn About Pollution Sources and Preventions

## When You Observe illicit Discharges

**In a private development** - Call one or more of the following agencies: St. John’s River Water Management District’s Compliance Manager at [junger@sjrwm.com](mailto:junger@sjrwm.com), 321-676-6600; Florida Department of Environmental Protection at 1-877-272-8335; and the appropriate local law enforcement agency.

**Within a County road right-of-way or on other County property** - Monday – Friday between 8:30 am – 5 pm call the Indian River County Pollution Reporting System at 772-226-1888 (Sprint/Nextel customers dial #IRC) or online go to [www.ircgov.com/stormwater](http://www.ircgov.com/stormwater). After normal working hours call the appropriate local law enforcement agency.

### Who To Call Regarding:

**Septic Tank Systems:** Department of Environmental Health, 794-7440

**Hazardous Waste Disposal:** IRC’s Solid Waste Disposal District, 770-5113

**Landscaping Questions:** IRC Extension Service, 770-5030

**Volunteering:** Keep Indian River Beautiful (non-profit environmental & recycling organization) 772-226-7738

**Public Drainage System Maintenance:** IRC’s Road & Bridge Division - 770-5085

IRC Stormwater Division 226-1565  
[www.ircgov.com/stormwater](http://www.ircgov.com/stormwater)

**Pollution is carried by water that runs off property...**

## Be Part of the Solution In Reducing Water Pollution



**Join your neighbors in treating water as a resource, not as a waste product**

Indian River County Stormwater Division

