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### Informational Series 1:

## **Drainage and Stormwater Runoff Pollution**

## What is the Informational Series?

The purpose of the informational series is to inform Sulphur citizens of items that affect their day to day lives and give them ideas on how they can make a difference in their community.

### In this issue:

- What is stormwater runoff pollution?
- Ways everyone can help keep the waterways clean and storm drains clear.

# Stormwater Runoff Pollution and Drainage

### Q: What is stormwater runoff pollution?

• When it rains, not all of the water is absorbed into the ground. Some of this water picks up contaminants, debris, and other pollutants and ends up in our local waterways.

### Q: How can citizens help keep our waterways clear of these contaminants, debris, and other pollutants?

- Don't dump anything in the storm drains. Only Rain in the Storm Drain.
- Use pesticides and fertilizers and other chemicals sparingly and follow the manufacturers recommendations. Dispose of all chemicals properly.
- Throw trash in the garbage. Don't Litter.
- Bag yard debris and don't blow grass clippings into the street.
- When undergoing construction, place silt fencing or other temporary control devices to keep mud and debris on your construction site.

### Q: What does stormwater runoff pollution have to do with drainage?

• Debris in stormwater runoff can cover storm drains and clog culverts. Mud from construction sites can plug storm drains and culverts. Remember: **Only Rain in the Storm Drain**.





