

Stormwater



Stormwater runoff, sometimes called storm sewer is..

- rainfall that does not soak into the ground, but instead flows over the land into these surface waters.
- is important to replenish our water supply, but can also harm our watersheds if pollutants are collected along the way.
- is naturally occurring, but as development and the amount of impervious surface such as rooftops, roads and parking lots increase in a watershed, the natural capacity of the soil and vegetation to filter and take up rainfall decreases, and more rainfall becomes stormwater runoff.

Stormwater IS NOT ...

- going to the Wastewater treatment plant.



Wastewater

Wastewater, sometimes called sewage is...

- water that has been used by homes, industry and business that must be treated before it is released back into the environment.
- is either transported by a sewer system to a wastewater treatment plant, or it is treated on-site within a self-contained septic system.

Wastewater is NOT...

- stormwater runoff .
- returned to the environment without treatment.

