PREVENT
STORMWATER POLLUTION

WHAT IS STORMWATER?

Stormwater comes from rainwater that flows across the ground and pavement and seeps into the ground, flows in ditches, swales, canals and enters the drainage system. The storm drains lead directly into ground water or to one of the many canals within the Town and eventually to the bay and aquifer.

THE PROBLEM

Stormwater runoff is a major problem, as it tends to pick up pollutants from impermeable area surfaces like:

- Leaves
- Garbage
- Debris
- Sediment
- Chemical
- Herbicides
- Automobile Fluids
- Fertilizers

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HOW DO I PROTECT STORMWATER QUALITY & DRAINAGE INFRASTRUCTURE?

It's simple; avoid polluting by doing the following:

- Don't dump hazardous substances such as used oil, household chemicals, yards fertilizer, pool discharge or other wastes onto pavement, patios or into storm drains. It is **ILLEGAL**! *They eventually end up in the aquifer and pollute our drinking water!*
- Prevent excess runoff of pesticides, fertilizers, and herbicides by using them efficiently.
- Report illegal dumping. Call the Code Compliance Department at **305.512.7130**.
- Conserve and recycle resources such as paper, plastic, glass, metals, oils, and household hazardous materials to prevent storm drain contamination.
- Practice street sweeping by picking up litter and disposing leaves and yard waste. Do not dump grass, leaves, branches, etc. into storm drains!
- Remember to always pick up after your pet and dispose in a nearby trashcan.

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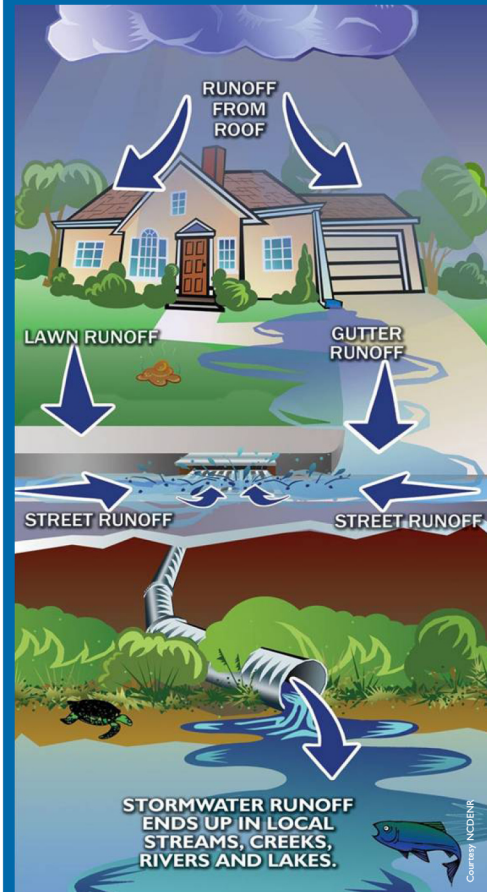

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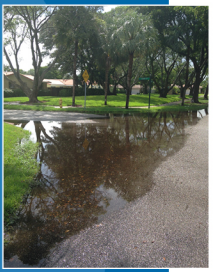

- Help prevent clogged storm drains and possible flooding by **removing and disposing** of yard debris and leaves from your home and adjacent streets.

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