



What Is Your Stormwater Pollution Potential?

Stormwater is runoff from rainfall that does not infiltrate (soak) into the ground and it is commonly associated with urban areas because of the increase in impervious surfaces (roof top, driveways, roads) that inhibit water infiltration. Stormwater pollution is rapidly growing in importance as a national environmental issue. Stormwater picks up and carries pollutants like sediment, trash, toxins, nutrients and pathogens to our streams and rivers, which drains untreated, polluting water and natural habitats.

Car

- Do you use caution when changing your motor oil so that none spills on the driveway?
- Do you use kitty litter to absorb oil/gas if your car has a leak or there is a spill?
- Do you wash your car on the lawn or take it to a car wash?
- Do you keep your car properly maintained so that it doesn't leak?

Pets

- Do you pick up your pet's waste?
- Do you place bagged pet waste in the garbage?

Around the House

- Do you use nontoxic, biodegradable, recycled and recyclable products?
- Do you secure garbage cans with animal-proof covers?

Yard

- Do you sweep, instead of hosing off, driveways, sidewalks and patios?
- Do you follow the application directions when using fertilizers?
- Do you avoid using fertilizer when rain is in the forecast?
- Do you cover exposed soil with mulch or grass?
- Do you use rain barrels?
- Are your downspouts pointed away from hard surfaces like driveways, sidewalks and roads?
- Do you take your yard waste (grass clippings, leaves, branches) to a green waste facility, have it picked up or compost it on your property?
- Do you use native plants in your landscaping?

TOTAL POINTS:

Please add up the points from these questions.
For each checked box, give yourself **2 points**.

24-36: Super Savvy

Congratulations, you are Stormwater Savvy!

12-22: Savvy

You're on the right track.

0-10: Challenged

Looks like you can use some more information to help you become Stormwater Savvy.

For More Information:

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For more ways to be Stormwater Savvy:

EPA's Nonpoint Source Kids Page
water.epa.gov/polwaste/nps/kids

Trinity Trudy's Stormwater World
trinity-trudy.org