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Connection!**







**Storm Drains  
empty into Waterways!**

# Storm Drains are **NOT** for Dumping!

Have you ever wondered what happens to the water flowing down a storm drain after a storm? Stormwater, the runoff water after it rains or snows, flows from parking lots and streets into storm drains so that the pavement won't be flooded. Underground pipes then channel the stormwater directly to the nearest waterway, usually with little or no treatment. So whatever flows down a storm drain comes out in a nearby waterway, such as a wetland, stream, pond, or the ocean.

# Please help keep our local waters clean:

-  Never dump anything down storm drains – this includes litter, sand, leaves, pet waste, motor oil, or paint.
-  Clear sand, leaves, litter, debris, and snow away from storm drains.
-  Support municipal efforts to conduct regular street sweeping and catch basin cleaning.
-  Participate in a neighborhood cleanup or storm drain marking project.



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Stormwater Matters!**