

STORM WATER WALK

HOW STORM WATER FRIENDLY IS YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

Common everyday actions—like cars leaking oil or not cleaning up after pets—can harm our water quality. But there are also simple steps we can take to help slow storm water runoff and reduce pollution. Planting a garden, redirecting downspouts to grassy areas, installing a rain barrel, and keeping storm drains clear are all Best Management Practices (BMPs) that support cleaner water and a healthier neighborhood.

Let's explore your community and see what positive changes we can make!



INSTRUCTIONS: Find a chaperone to safely walk with you through your neighborhood. Be sure to take this activity sheet and a writing utensil with you. Tally what you see and evaluate your findings.

STORM WATER BMPs	Tally	TOTAL
Downspout leading to a grassy area		
Storm drain that is clear of debris		
Pet waste bag dispenser		
Rain Barrel		
Flower garden that is positioned to collect rain water runoff		
Public trash can		
GRAND TOTAL:		

POLLUTION PROBLEMS	Tally	TOTAL
Litter (wrapper, can, bottle, etc.)		
Oil or gasoline drips		
Sticks or grass clippings in the street		
Pet Waste		
Eroding soil		
Soap residue or spilled chemicals		
GRAND TOTAL:		

WHAT DID YOU FIND?

Evaluate your tally mark totals for both Storm Water BMPs and Pollution Problems. What can you do to help your neighborhood be more storm water friendly?

Take this opportunity to spread the word about storm water management. By working together, we can all be part of the solution to storm water pollution!

WHAT STORM WATER BMPs WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADD TO YOUR YARD OR NEIGHBORHOOD?

