



Storm Water Walk

How storm water friendly is your neighborhood?

Common occurrences such as cars dripping oil and not picking up after pets can negatively impact water quality. Other actions can help slow the flow of storm water runoff and reduce storm water pollution. Planting a garden, redirecting a downspout to a green area, installing a rain barrel and keeping storm drains clean are all examples of Best Management Practices (BMPs) that can contribute to better water quality and a storm water friendly neighborhood! *Let's explore your neighborhood!*

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?

