

How can we all help control stormwater pollution?

One way we can help is by increasing the amount of water that soaks into the ground. This reduces the amount of water flowing into the street. Here's what you can do:



Plant trees, shrubs or ground cover.



Maintain your lawn with minimal use of chemicals.



Redirect downspouts from paved areas to vegetated areas.



Use a rain barrel to catch and store water for gardens.



Install gravel trenches along driveways or patios.



Use wooden planks, bricks or interlocking stones for walkways or patios.

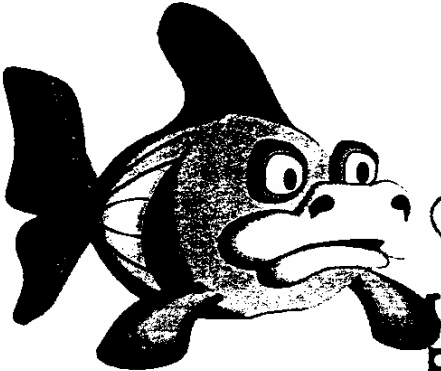


If building a new home, have the driveways and walkways graded so water flows onto lawn areas.

City of Mount Vernon
City of New Rochelle
City of Rye
Town of Mamaroneck
Town/Village of Harrison
Village of Larchmont



Town/Village of Scarsdale
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Village of Pelham Manor
Village of Port Chester
Village Rye Brook



**Do you know
where the
STORM SEWERS
go?**

If you look on the street outside your home, you will probably find storm sewers.

Storm sewers take stormwater, rain and melting snow directly to the nearest river, lake, stream or wetland. Stormwater often contains pollutants found on streets and parking lots such as oil, antifreeze, gasoline, soil, litter, pet wastes, fertilizers, pesticides, leaves and grass clippings. When these materials enter water they can destroy wildlife habitats, cause beach closings and restrict shellfish harvesting.

What can you do to help?

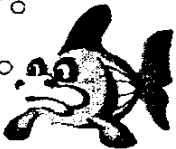
Don't leave grass clippings, soil or leaves on your driveway, sidewalk or street during the next rain. They will wash into the nearest storm sewer. Compost them instead.

Don't let your parents put car fluids, paints, pesticides or other materials down the storm sewer.

Tell your parents to apply fertilizers and pesticides in recommended amounts based on results of a soil test.

Help adults sweep, don't wash, soil, leaves, fertilizer and grass clippings off paved areas.

Dispose of pet waste in the trash.



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