



# Stormwater Management

## Help keep our waterways clean

### What is it?

**Stormwater** Runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snow melt flows over the ground without being absorbed. As runoff flows over driveways, lawns, sidewalks and streets, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. Runoff can flow into storm drains first, or directly into a lake, stream, river, wetland, or other water body.

**Storm Drains** are pipes dedicated to transporting runoff to lakes, streams, rivers, wetlands or other water bodies but provide no treatment to remove pollutants.

**Stormwater Management** attempts to reduce the amount of runoff created, keep that runoff clean of pollutants, and transport it safely through storm drains and other flow paths to receiving water bodies.

**Why is it important?** Improperly managed stormwater can cause flooding and washouts, and can pollute our water ways. This can adversely affect plants, fish, animals, people and disrupt the balance of life in our waterways and make drinking water sources difficult and expensive to treat. It's the law: The Clean Water Act, NPDES Program, Wetlands Protection Act Regulations (310 CMR10.00)

Do not dump brush or grass clippings into local wetlands, streams, detention ponds or any other stormwater systems or water bodies

Dispose of chemicals properly. Recycle used oil and other automotive fluids. When using hazardous substances like paint, solvents, and cleaners, make sure to clean up spills immediately and dispose of waste safely. Some of these pollutants can be recycled on the 2nd and 4th week of each month from 8:30am to 11:30am at the Norton DPW Garage 70 Rear East Main St. For a list of accepted items please click on the hazardous waste tab on the Highway Department's page at [www.nortonma.org](http://www.nortonma.org)

Don't put pet waste down the storm drain.

Don't let soapy water from washing your car get into storm drains.

Don't hose down areas of construction or yard debris. Instead, sweep up and dispose of these materials properly

# Please Be Proactive

If there is a storm drain, detention pond, or drainage ditch on or near your property, Please keep it clear of any trash or leaves.



The Town Of Norton maintains compliance with our federally mandated United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (Ms4) permit.

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