**Cleaner streets = Cleaner Water**

Do your part to prevent stormwater pollution from illicit discharges

Storm drains help to keep our streets and neighborhoods from flooding, but they also connect to nearby lakes and streams. Litter, chemicals and yard waste can pollute our waterways and cause algae blooms.

**DON’T DUMP**

**NEVER** dump used engine oil or soapy water into storm drains.

**DON’T** wash out painting supplies in your driveway or the street.

These chemicals end up in our lakes and rivers and might kill fish and other animals. Dumping liquids and materials into storm drains is considered an illicit discharge and is against the law!

If you see illegal dumping or see water that is cloudy, colored, or has an oil sheen, report it to [insert MS4 contact information]. Report petroleum and hazardous materials spills to the Minnesota Duty Officer: 1-800-422-0798

**RAKE & SWEEP YOUR STREET**

Grass clippings and dirt might be natural, but they contain phosphorus and nitrogen that feed smelly, green algae.

**YOU CAN HELP!**

**DO** turn your mower around when you mow so that clippings blow into the lawn instead of the street. [insert local ordinance info here]

**DO** sweep grass clippings, leaves and dirt out of the street in front of your home and clear debris off of nearby storm drains. Sign up to adopt your nearest storm drain at [www.adopt-a-drain.org](http://www.adopt-a-drain.org).

**DO** pick up litter in your neighborhood to help keep our community beautiful and our water clean.

Learn more about keeping water clean at [www.cleanwatermn.org](http://www.cleanwatermn.org).