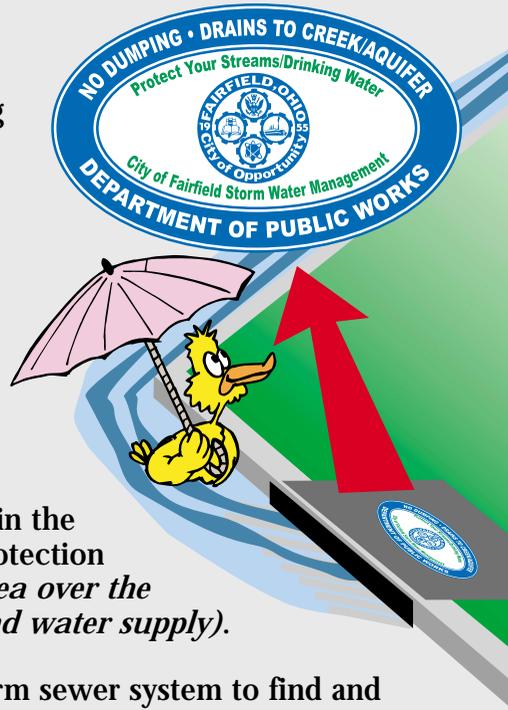


# What Fairfield is doing to improve our storm water quality

1. Sweeping streets, cleaning catch basins and labeling storm drains.
2. Offering leaf and brush pickup services.
3. Controlling construction site erosion.
4. Regulating development within the City's wellhead protection area (*that's the area over the City's underground water supply*).
5. Inspecting the storm sewer system to find and eliminate pollution sources.
6. Distributing educational materials to the public.



## For more information

**CITY OF FAIRFIELD PUBLIC  
WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**(513) 867-4200**

***www.fairfield-city.org/stormwater***

## A word about national storm water regulations...

The City of Fairfield, like most other cities across the country, is required by law to have a permit to operate its storm sewer system. Fairfield is regulated under the NPDES Phase II program that was developed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (*NPDES stands for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System*). The basic purpose of the NPDES program is to improve the water quality of streams, lakes, and other surface waters.

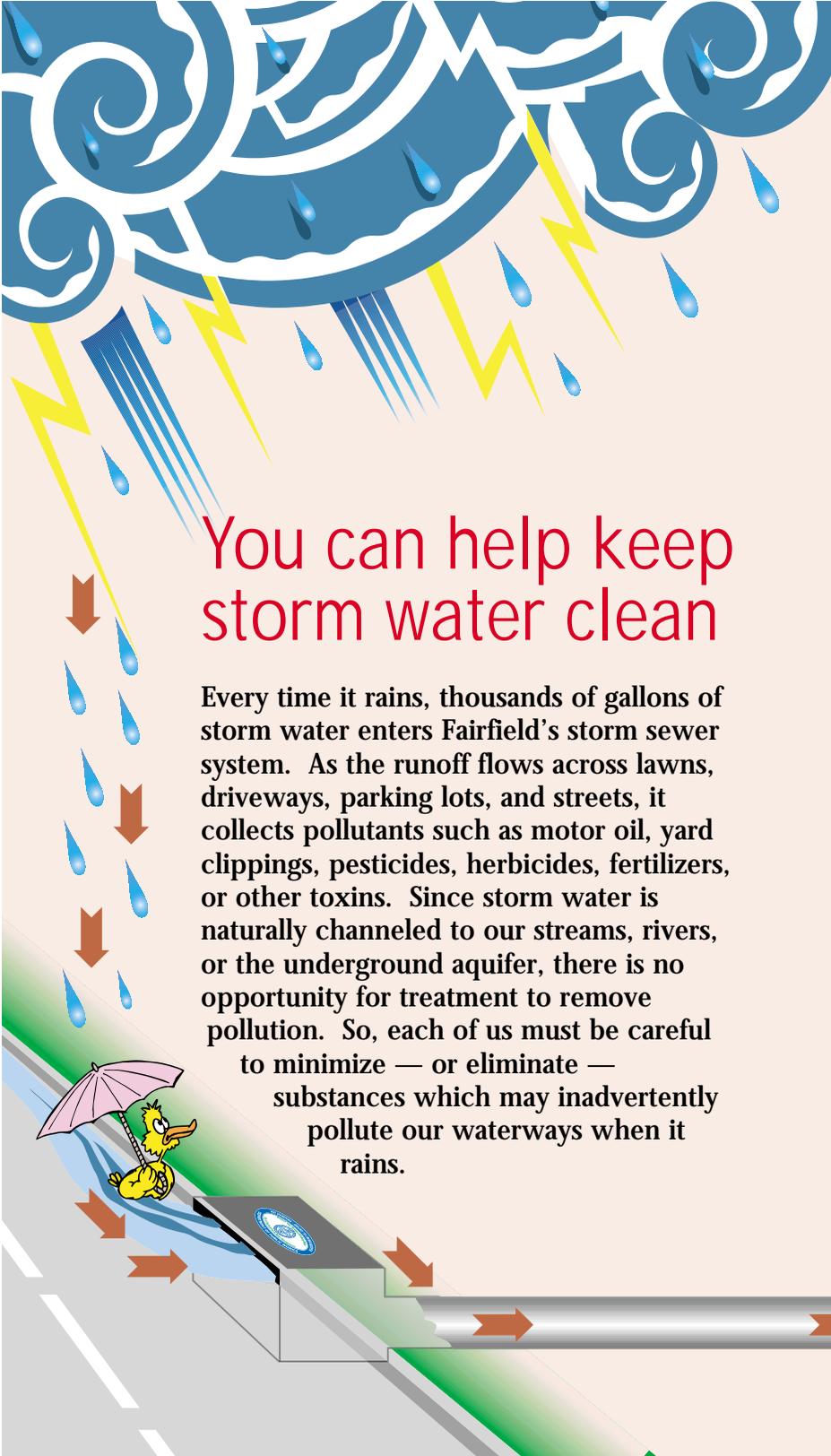
To obtain its Phase II permit, Fairfield was required to develop a storm water quality management plan that is based on six different types of activities:

1. Public Education
2. Public Involvement
3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
4. Construction Site Runoff Control
5. Post-Construction Storm Water Management
6. Improving Municipal Operations

If you want to know more about the City of Fairfield's storm water plan, or would like ongoing involvement in the plan, contact the Public Works Department at (513) 867-4200, or visit [www.fairfield-city.org/stormwater](http://www.fairfield-city.org/stormwater).



# Ten easy ways you can stop storm water pollution



## You can help keep storm water clean

Every time it rains, thousands of gallons of storm water enters Fairfield's storm sewer system. As the runoff flows across lawns, driveways, parking lots, and streets, it collects pollutants such as motor oil, yard clippings, pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, or other toxins. Since storm water is naturally channeled to our streams, rivers, or the underground aquifer, there is no opportunity for treatment to remove pollution. So, each of us must be careful to minimize — or eliminate — substances which may inadvertently pollute our waterways when it rains.

**1** Recycle your used motor oil. On annual collection days, take household hazardous wastes to drop-off points. Never pour used motor oil or other hazardous materials into a storm drain. *Contact the Butler County Solid Waste Management District for more information on recycling and disposal at (513) 887-3653.*



**2** Properly manage and dispose of yard wastes (*grass clippings, leaves, etc.*) and don't put them in the street, gutter, backyard ditch, or a storm drain. *Contact the Fairfield Public Works Department for more information on leaf and brush pickup programs offered by the City at (513) 867-4200.*



**3** Use a proper container for your trash and recyclables. Don't put trash into the street or gutter where it can be washed into the storm sewer system. *For more information on recycling, contact Rumpke at (513) 742-2900.*



**4** Always follow the manufacturer's instructions when using pesticides, herbicides, or fertilizers on your lawn or garden. Please don't "double the dose" just for good measure.



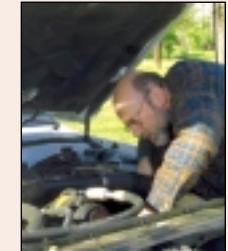
**5** If you have a dog, clean up its waste and don't allow it to pollute storm water runoff. You can properly dispose of pet waste by flushing it down the toilet or placing it in the trash for regular pickup.



**6** Use water-based paints such as latex and wash paint brushes in the sink with water. When using paint thinner, reuse and recycle it. Never pour un-used paint or paint thinner into a storm drain.



**7** Regularly maintain your car and fix any oil, radiator, or transmission leaks as soon as you see them. Also, consider using a commercial car wash instead of washing at home. The runoff from home car washing can contain detergents that are harmful to aquatic life.



**8** Use non-toxic alternatives to conventional household cleaners whenever possible. *Contact the Butler County Solid Waste Management District for more information.*



**9** Educate your family, friends, and neighbors about storm water pollution. Spread the word.



**10** If you see a potential storm water quality problem, please call the City of Fairfield Public Works Department at (513) 867-4200. Remember, water pollution is everyone's concern.

