



TOWN OF DALLAS, STORMWATER SERVICES



STORM WATER

DO's

IN THE YARD AND GARDEN

- Sweep the gutters and driveways regularly and place the sweepings on the garden, compost or in the bin.
- Prevent soil or mulch from being washed or blown off the garden.
- Rake up leaves or lawn clippings and use them as mulch on the garden or place them in the compost.
- Seed or re-plant areas of disturbed soil.
- Consider natural alternatives to pest control chemicals.

WITH THE CAR

- Maintain the car, making sure there are no leaks and that fuel is burned “cleanly” by keeping your car tuned, repairing leaks and properly disposing of fluids.
- Use the minimum amount of detergent for cleaning outside, and wash your car on grass or gravel. Even better: take your car to a car wash, where the water is recycled.

HOME PROJECTS

- Wash latex paint brushes and rollers into your sewage system.
- Keep paint, turpentine and solvents clear of gutters or drains.
- Reuse turpentine once the paint has settled and dispose of properly.
- Allow unused paint to dry out and then properly dispose of it.

IN THE STREET

- Pick up litter in the park or on the street.
- Clean up pet droppings and dispose of them in the garden, rubbish containers, or in the toilet.

DON'Ts

- Hose dirt off hard surfaces (roads, paths, driveways) into gutters and ditches.
- Rake, blow, or deposit leaves, grass clippings, or trash into drainageways.
- Pile sand and soil on areas where it can wash into the stormwater system.
- Overuse chemicals (pesticides and herbicides) that could be washed into stormwater from the garden or yard.
- Use too much fertilizer.

- Work on your car (including oil changing) in a place where oil and grease may wash into gutters and ditches.
- Wash the car in the street using detergent.

- Wash out cement mixers or barrows so that the waste flows into street drains.
- Hose sand, gravel or cement into gutters and ditches.
- Leave piles of sand or gravel uncovered where it could wash or blow into gutters and ditches.
- Throw partially used cans in the trash bin.

- Drop packaging or cigarette butts on the ground.
- Leave rubbish beside garbage cans that are already full.