



The City of Omaha Stormwater Program is a comprehensive program comprised of various elements and activities designed to reduce stormwater pollution and eliminate prohibited non-stormwater discharges.



Environmental Quality Control

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Keep It Clean On Your Golf Course Or Landscape Project!

**Best Management Practices For
On-Site Stormwater Protection**



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Good Ground Maintenance Keeps Our Water Clean

Golf course managers and landscaping professionals create and maintain healthy, green recreational and living spaces. Much of their work requires various fertilizers and pesticides to control weeds and keep lawns and vegetation looking visually appealing to the public. However, application of such chemicals needs to be performed with caution because if not used properly, serious water pollution can occur.

Stormwater pollution occurs when rainwater picks up pollutants as it flows along surfaces into storm inlets and other conveyances that discharge into waterways. It is important to be mindful of what is left on these surfaces so that our water quality is not compromised. It's easy to prevent stormwater pollution with just a little knowledge and effort. Following these Best Management Practices (BMPs) is a great start to preventing stormwater pollution:

- Read all labels on pesticides and fertilizers to ensure you are properly applying the right amount, and check the forecast to make sure rain is not predicted within 48 hours of application.
- Do not over-apply or over-use any chemicals. You will not get a better result by using more. Anything that is in excess will not be absorbed and will simply be washed off with the next rain into our waterways.
- Sweep all fertilizer and chemical granules that land on paved areas back into the grass.
- Explore environmentally friendly alternatives for repellents, fertilizers, and other lawn chemicals. These products still need to be properly disposed



of and not allowed to enter the storm sewer!

- When cutting grass or trimming weeds, it is very important to sweep up clippings that are in the streets or sidewalks and brush them back into the grassy areas. If you collect grass clippings, be sure to properly dispose of them into yard waste containers or use them as mulch.
- When digging, be sure loose dirt is not left on paved areas and is properly secured so that in case of rain, there will not be runoff on streets and into storm inlets.
- When using sprinkler systems, be sure they are aimed at vegetated areas and are not running while it is raining or if rain is predicted.
- Make sure to service all equipment frequently, including lawnmowers, weed whackers, golf carts, etc., to prevent leaks or other problems.

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