

Going with the Flow:

Preventing Storm Water Pollution
in Milwaukee



Rain and pollutants
running off yards and
pavements



Grow plants and flowers in your yard to soak up water and put a rain barrel on your home gutter down spout to collect rain water for use on your plants and grass.



Dirt and gravel from
construction sites

Watch out for dirt, gravel and other construction materials getting into the streets. To report "dirty" construction sites, call the City Storm Water Pollution Prevention Hotline at 414-286-8162.



Soapy car wash Water



Let wash water soak into grass at home or go to a car wash.



Harmful products (paints,
motor oil, anti-freeze, cleaning
products, etc.)

Follow instructions, use all of the product if possible, and put the container in the trash or recycle it. Do not pour the product down a sink, storm drain, or toilet.



Grass clippings, leaves
and yard waste

Leave grass clippings and leaves on your lawn to break down naturally. Don't leave them on driveways, streets or sidewalks where they will be washed down the storm drain. Yard waste can be put in a pile or mulched, and used for helping your plants grow.



Salt for snow
removal



Shovel snow and ice (it will make you strong!) and use bird seed instead of salt (the birds will love it!).