Local Organizations

To learn more about stormwater, please contact these local organizations:

Nashua River Watershed Association

592 Main St., Groton MA

(978) 448-0299

www.nashuariverwatershed.org

Mass. Audubon @ Broad Meadow Brook Sanctuary

414 Massasoit Rd., Worcester MA

(508) 753-6087

www.massaudubon.org

Mass. Audubon @ Wachusett Meadow Sanctuary

113 Goodnow Rd., Princeton MA

(978) 464-2712
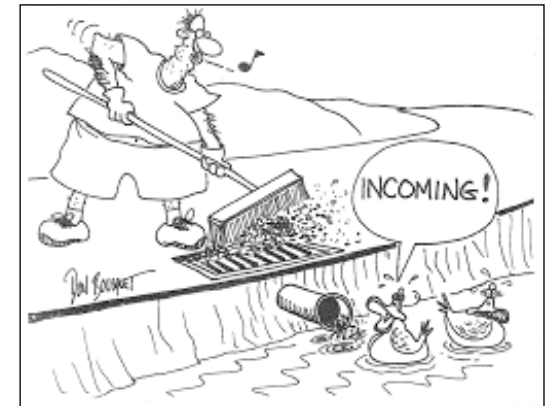
www.massaudubon.org

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Only Rain Down the Drain!

What is Stormwater?

- **Water from rain or snow that is not absorbed into the ground.**

- **This water flows across lawns, sidewalks, and streets until it reaches…**

A STORM DRAIN and enters into a maze of underground pipes.

Why Should You Care?

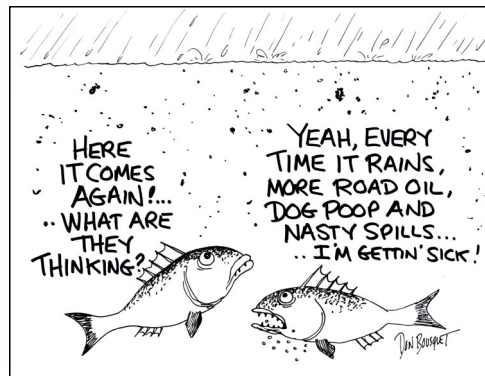- Stormwater picks up all of the pollutants found on lawns, sidewalks, and streets!

Stormwater Myth:
Stormwater is cleaned at a sewage treatment plant before it flows into rivers and lakes.
FALSE!
Stormwater systems are separate from sewer systems, and do NOT go to a treatment plant.

- The result is stormwater and its pollutants flow straight into the Nashua River **every day** it rains!

HERE IT COMES AGAIN!... ..WHAT ARE THEY THINKING?

YEAH, EVERY TIME IT RAINS, MORE ROAD OIL, DOG POOP AND NASTY SPILLS... ..I'M GETTIN' SICK!

What Can You Do?

There are many ways you can keep stormwater clean:

#1: Only Rain Down the Drain
Storm drains dump into our environment. So, never dump any trash, oils, grass clippings, or chemicals down a storm drain.

#2: Pick Up The Poo
Animal waste contain bacteria that pollute water. Always pick up after your pet using compostable bags and dispose of in trash.

#3: Go Natural
Fertilizers contain harmful phosphorous and nitrogen which wash into ecosystems when it rains. Use natural manures and compost instead!