



## PROTECTING WATER QUALITY ...AT THE WORKPLACE

### IT'S EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY!

#### Did You Know?

*The city collected  
340 gallons  
of used cooking oil  
during its 2010  
collection event!*

#### DON'T BE a TURKEY...



Recycle  
your used  
cooking  
oil for  
**FREE** this  
Holiday  
Season!

Monday, November 28 &  
Tuesday, November 29  
8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Daily  
Central Service Center  
2711 Nimitz Lane

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When it rains, storm water flows over impervious surfaces such as rooftops, streets, driveways and parking lots. The runoff collects pollutants, such as oils, fertilizers, pesticides, cleaners and other chemicals.

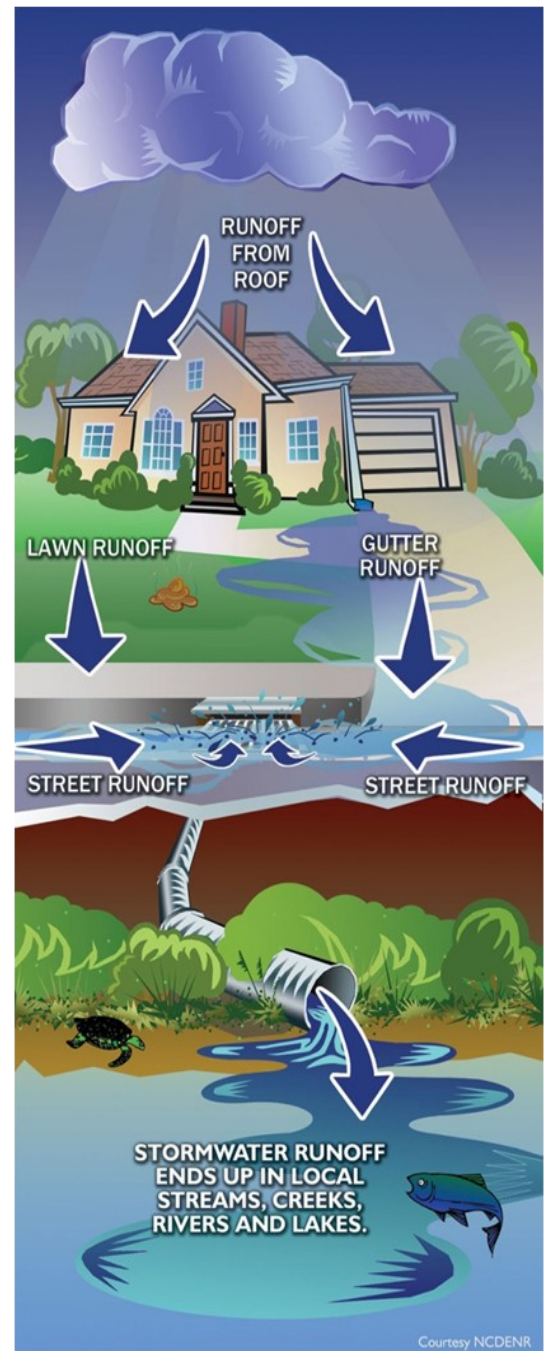
Even if your workplace is not near a creek, the runoff will flow into a storm drain or ditch that eventually empties into the closest body of water, taking pollutants along with it. Storm water runoff is the leading source of water pollution in our community.

Discharges to the storm water system that are not composed entirely of storm water and are not permitted are considered illicit discharges. In compliance with federal regulations that require cities to eliminate these illicit discharges, the City of Carrollton inspects, samples and investigates runoff for pollution; when needed, remediates the environmental impact.

Many city activities can contribute to storm water pollution. You can help by simply preventing chemical spills, using proper cleaning techniques and maintaining landscapes responsibly.

Good housekeeping practices are essential to help keep pollutants out of our creeks. If you are not involved in any of these activities you can still help the city by

reporting polluters to [envservices@cityofcarrollton.com](mailto:envservices@cityofcarrollton.com) or calling 972-466-3060.



Courtesy NCDENR

## SPILL PREVENTION

- All containers, even empty ones, should be labeled and stored properly.
- Utilize proper storage and disposal facilities. Improper storage of materials could lead to accidents or spills. Even residue from open containers or corrosive metal parts can run off into the storm drain. Keep containers covered!
- Inspect and monitor all vehicles and heavy equipment frequently for leaks.
- Inspect containers for signs of corrosion on a regular basis, and replace as necessary.
- If spills occur, use dry absorbent materials (such as kitty litter) to contain and clean up spilled chemicals, then properly dispose.

## PROPER CLEANING

- Never wash spilled chemicals, trash, automobile fluids or grease off of parking lots, loading docks or into a storm drain.
- Regularly clean outside areas to prevent pollutant buildup.
- Block storm drains before pressure-washing buildings or equipment and collect the water with a liquid vacuum device for proper disposal.
- Verify that floor drains are connected to the sanitary sewer system, not the storm drain system.
- Wash vehicles in a proper facility, such as a car wash, that disposes all wastewater to the sanitary sewer system.

## LAWN MAINTENANCE

- Use vegetation that needs less water, fertilizer and pesticides.
- Don't apply lawn chemicals before it rains, and follow label instructions carefully to prevent over-application.
- Use fertilizers, weed killers and de-icing materials only as needed. Sweep up any residue or spilled materials and dispose of properly.
- Make sure grass clippings, leaves and other debris are disposed of properly. Debris in storm drains can cause the streets to flood.
- Use leaf blowers to blow grass clippings and leaves back onto the grass, not into the street or storm drain.
- Avoid over-watering lawns to prevent excess runoff.

## WHAT'S WRONG IN THESE PICTURES?

Send an email or inter-office to Krista Pender describing what is wrong in each picture and you will be entered into a drawing to win a \$10.00 gift certificate to Whataburger!

Hint: Not every picture has something wrong in it!

**Drawing & Announcement of Winner on:**

**Friday, Dec. 9, 2011**

