



Keep Chemicals Out of Our Lakes, Rivers and Streams

Pollution in area streams and lakes can come from common, every-day materials like household chemicals, fertilizers, pesticides, gasoline, used motor oil and antifreeze. Contrary to what many people think, storm drains don't lead to wastewater treatment plants. The water enters a series of pipes which collect water from other neighborhoods, finally dumping directly into a nearby lake, stream, river or wetland.

While many of the substances are washed by rainwater from our streets, yards, driveways and parking lots into storm drain inlets there is a growing problem of illegally dumping such waste. Deliberate dumping of hazardous materials into storm sewers makes the pollution problem worse. Dumping oil and other hazardous substances is illegal in Minnesota.

What you can do

- Keep your vehicle tuned up and clean up any oil leaks or spills from paved surfaces
- Dispose of automotive fluids, paint, and other hazardous materials properly.
- Avoid using pesticides and other lawn chemicals or use them responsibly. Keep them off paved surfaces.

Drop Off Sites:

- Hennepin County Drop Off Facility, 8100 Jefferson Hwy, Brooklyn Park. 612-348-3777
- Small appliances, batteries, light bulbs, mattresses and many other items.
- Maple Grove Yard Waste Site, 10300 Maple Grove Parkway, Maple Grove. 763-420-4886

The following places take used motor oil:

- AutoZone, 6300 Brooklyn Blvd, Brooklyn Center 763-561-9287
- Christy's Auto Service, 5300 Dupont Ave N, Brooklyn Center 763-560-9984
- City of Brooklyn Park, 8300 Noble Ave N, Brooklyn Park 763-493-8007

City staff relies on your assistance to find illicit discharges to the storm drain system. If you see a substance other than rain entering the stormwater system, please contact the Engineering office at 763-569-3340 or publicworks@ci.brooklyn-center.mn.us.