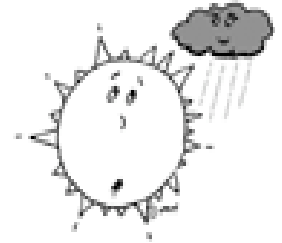


VILLAGE OF ISLANDIA
MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE INFORMATION GUIDE

STORMWATER BASICS

What is *STORMWATER*?

Stormwater runoff is precipitation from rain or snowmelt that flows over ground. As stormwater flows over driveways, lawns, and sidewalks, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. Stormwater can flow into a storm sewer or directly to a stream, river, lake or other waterbody. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water. Polluted runoff is the nation’s greatest threat to clean water. All municipal activities should have an operations and maintenance program designed to prevent and reduce pollutants in stormwater runoff from municipal operations.



What can YOU do to assist Islandia in combating storm water pollution?

- ☺ **Catch Basin and Drain Maintenance:** Inspect storm drains and other storm water control structures and clean any accumulated sediment and debris as soon as possible.
- ☺ **Grounds Maintenance:**
 - (1) Avoid over-watering to prevent excess runoff.
 - (2) Sweep paved surfaces rather than hosing down or using blowers.
 - (3) Clean up all spills and leaks using “dry” methods (w/ absorbent materials and/or rags).
 - (4) Store materials so they are protected from weather elements, such as rain and wind.
 - (5) Install an automatic rain shut-off device on sprinkler systems.
 - (6) Direct downspouts from paved areas to vegetated areas.
 - (7) Minimize your use of de-icing materials.
- ☺ **General:** Ensure all applicable Best Management Practices (BMPs) are being followed.

Employee Certification

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