

SAY “NO” TO THE STORMWATER BLUES!

ENJOY THE WATERS DURING OUR NORTH IDAHO SUMMER

Stormwater pollution is real and can greatly impact our lakes and rivers. The amount of contaminants that flow from our roads and into our surrounding bodies of water can cause algae growth and polluted waters, making our fun summer activities come to a halt due to unsafe waters. The good news? You can help keep our waters clean and safe. Check out the tips and links below to learn more about stormwater pollution and how you can do your part to help!

What You Can Do to Help

- ❖ **Don't overfertilize!** Pay close attention to manufacturer recommendations.
- ❖ **Don't leave pet waste behind!** Immediately clean up after your pet(s) and dispose of waste properly.
- ❖ **Maintain your septic system!** A healthy septic system makes for healthy water in your community.
- ❖ **Use green practices!** Rain barrels, rain gardens and permeable pavements help reduce the amount of stormwater leaving your property.
- ❖ **Get involved!** Look into community events and/or organize a community clean-up. Share what you've learned with friends, family and neighbors.
- ❖ **Be aware!** Pay attention to what you use on your lawn or garden, look for oil leaks beneath your car, minimize the amount of chemicals you use around your home. Every little bit counts!

Helpful Websites

[Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\) Nutrient Pollution](#)

[EPA – What You Can Do](#)

[American Rivers Organization Stormwater Information](#)

[University of Nebraska Kids Watershed Activity](#)

[Only Rain Down the Drain Kids Activities](#)

