

How Can You Help?

Pollution on streets, lawns and parking lots is washed by rain into storm drains. When sand settles out of the water, the water then flows into wetland areas, streams and ponds that feed our water supply, and then into the ocean. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste and other hazardous products: they can all find their way into our water supply.

By making small, easy changes in our daily lives we can help to keep these pollutants out of our water supply. If each person limits pollution in their environment, it will all add up to a cleaner, healthier world!

Here are some easy steps to take to help keep our water clean:

Limit your use of fertilizer/pesticides

Properly dispose of hazardous products

Clean up after your pet

Don't litter!

Dispose of yard waste properly

Properly maintain your septic system

Use a commercial car wash

Recycle, Recycle, Recycle!

Do Your Part to Protect Our Water!

Why is Stormwater Control Important?

Polluted runoff is the nation's greatest threat to our clean water.

Polluted stormwater runoff can harm or even destroy aquatic habitats. Sediments deposited into our lakes, rivers and streams decrease sunlight penetration and interfere with the habitat of fish and plant life. Lakes become choked with weeds, hampering boating, swimming and other enjoyable activities.

Human health may also be at risk if the pollution contains pesticides, insecticides or other hazardous waste or chemicals. Animals and humans can become ill or even die from eating fish and shellfish taken from polluted waters.

Polluted stormwater often affects drinking water sources, causing illness and greatly increasing the cost to purify the water we drink.

Prevent Stormwater Runoff

Plant trees, shrubs and ground cover

Don't over water your lawn

Compost or mulch yard waste

Select drought resistant grasses and plants

Sweep up sand from walkways, etc.

Divert roof water to vegetated areas

Town of Brookfield

Stormwater Management

Learn what you can do to help prevent pollution to our rivers and streams



Candlewood Lake

**Make your home
The Solution to
Stormwater Pollution!**

The Town Must Do Its Part

The State of Connecticut mandates that Towns do their part to keep our water courses clean. All Towns must have a program in place to reduce the discharge of pollutants from the Town's roadways and facilities, to protect water quality and to satisfy the requirements of the Clean Water Act.

Some things that the Town of Brookfield does to ensure that pollution is curbed include:

Sweeping roads
Cleaning catch basins
Installing proper drainage
Erosion and sediment control
Detect illicit discharges
Public education and involvement



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If you would like more information about stormwater management, look on the Town website at www.brookfieldct.gov to see the entire Stormwater Management Plan. You will find it under Departments/Public Works.

Here are some other suggestions to help eliminate stormwater pollution:

Before beginning an outdoor project, locate the nearest storm drains and protect them from debris and other materials by creating a barrier using hay bales and/or sediment fencing.

Sweep up and properly dispose of construction debris such as concrete and mortar.

Use hazardous substances like oil based paints, solvents and cleaners in the smallest amounts possible. Dispose of the waste safely. Store such products properly to avoid leaks and spills.

Purchase and use nontoxic, biodegradable, recycled and recyclable products whenever possible.

Reduce the amount of paved area and increase the amount of vegetated area in your yard. Use native plants in your landscaping to reduce the need for watering during dry periods.

**Help Keep Connecticut
Water Clean!**