

The Stormwater Quality Management Committee is a multi-agency effort committed to the development and implementation of stormwater pollution monitoring, control and outreach efforts within the Las Vegas Valley.

The goal of this brochure is to alert residents that dumping litter or other common hazardous materials is harmful to our environment and our water quality.

Storm drains are located throughout Clark County. Storm drains remove excess water from streets during rainy weather, vehicle washing and from over irrigation of grassy areas. Water from the storm drains flows through our washes to Lake Mead and is not treated to remove pollutants during this trip.

Sign warning citizens not to dump pollutants into the storm drain.



THE PROBLEM

REFUSE OR TRASH-Trash dumped in streets and washes clogs flood channels and can increase the possibility of flooding, as well as pollute the water.

PET WASTE-Pet waste contains harmful levels of bacteria that pollutes stormwater. Pet waste that is not picked up in parks or yards breaks down with sprinkler water contact and then travels into storm drains. Dispose of pet waste in the trash.

FERTILIZERS-Over fertilizing your lawn will increase the growth of algae in stream channels and Lake Mead and reduce the amount of oxygen in the water, which is needed by aquatic life.



Dirty Storm Drain

PAINT, ANTIFREEZE, PESTICIDES-

Although common, these items are often classified as hazardous wastes. These products are toxic to pets, wildlife and the environment when not disposed of properly.

AUTOMOTIVE FLUIDS-Used automotive fluids, such as motor oil, that are poured down storm drains or that drip onto the street, flow to Lake Mead untreated and harm or kill underwater vegetation and aquatic life. One quart of oil can pollute up to 250,000 gallons of water.

THE SOLUTION

THINGS YOU CAN DO

JOIN THE STORMWATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT EFFORT

Educate our community about storm drains and potential stormwater pollutants. Keep pollutants off streets, yards and parks.

AVOID WATER RUNOFF &

SOIL EROSION-Water runoff is a main form of transport for many urban pollutants. Use a broom to sweep up debris, and fix faulty sprinkler systems. Decorative rocks & plants can help reduce soil erosion in landscaped areas.

CHECK YOUR CAR FOR LEAKS

Place a drip pan under leaking vehicles or have them repaired. Clean up spills with absorbent materials like kitty litter and dispose of in the trash.

TRASH & RECYCLING-Properly dispose of chemicals, oil, paint, antifreeze and other toxic materials. Reuse and recycle where possible.

OUTDOOR CLEANING

Wash outdoor items with biodegradable soap, or at a commercial car wash that filters and recycles wash and rinse water.

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

Businesses like carpet cleaners, pool services, mobile dog grooming and auto detail services can avoid harmful runoff of soapy or chlorinated water by using the sanitary sewer "clean-out" that is located in front (or in some cases in the garage) of most houses.

Sanitary Sewer "Clean Out"



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

Proper Disposal of Hazardous Wastes:
See Waste Reduction & Disposal
in the yellow pages

Recycling Information: See Recycling
Services in the yellow pages:

Heavy Item Pick Up Services:
Republic Silver State Disposal
(702) 735-5151

To Report Illegal Dumping:
Clark County Health District (702) 383-1027

Stormwater Quality Management Committee:
Clark County Comprehensive Planning
(702) 455-4181 or www.lvstormwater.com

What Else Can You Do?

For more examples of best
management practices, pollution
prevention tips and techniques that
can help save money and protect our
water quality, check out:

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