

Stormwater News...

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Mother Nature never fails to amaze us here in Missouri bringing later than usual lasting fall conditions and although it is almost December, you still have a little time to help prevent stormwater pollution! Check out some ideas on how we all make a difference that lasts throughout the seasons.

Preventing Stormwater Pollution this fall:

- 1) Dispose of leaf litter and yard waste in a compost pile and never in the street or stream! You can shred yard waste to use as mulch or fertilizer for your yard and garden. Check with your municipality for yard waste collection opportunities.
- 2) Do not use fertilizers immediately before a rainstorm or apply them in excess. Always follow the directions on the bottle for safe application and disposal whenever you use a chemical product. Reduce chemical use as much as possible.
- 3) Clean leaves and debris out of roof gutters and downspouts. Route downspouts away from pavement and into your yard. Sending the gutter and downspout drainage into the yard (away from the house foundation) allows stormwater to be absorbed. Consider the unnecessary contributions to stormwater overflow when all the neighborhood rooftops empty onto driveways, curbside gutters and down storm drains to nearby creeks.



The Stormwater team would like to wish you and your family a happy holiday season and thank you for all you do to help our Boone county watersheds. Last month we asked for you to send us pictures homemade eco-friendly Halloween costumes. Thank you to those of you who submitted your photos. We have some creative folks out there!



"A watershed is that area of land, bounded hydrologic system within which all living things are inextricably linked by their common water course and where, as humans settled, simple logic demanded that they become part of a community." -John Wesley Powell