



Only Rain Down the Drain

Stormwater Pollution Prevention at Home

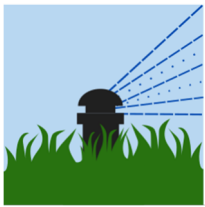
What is stormwater?

Stormwater is runoff, generated from rain and snowmelt events, that flows over land or impervious surfaces. Impervious surfaces, like parking lots, roads, and rooftops, keep stormwater from sinking into the ground. Instead, water on impervious surfaces is directed into storm drains and pipes. These pipes do not lead to water treatment facilities – **stormwater is released directly into Payson’s rivers, streams, and lakes, bringing any pollutants picked up along the way with it!**

If we want to keep Payson’s waters clean, we all need to do our part to make sure **Only Rain goes Down the Drain.**



What Can I Do to Protect Payson’s Waters?



Avoid over-watering lawns.

Watch for irrigation runoff and overspray and turn irrigation systems off during storms. In addition to wasting water, irrigation runoff can carry pollutants off lawns and into waterways.



Do not over-apply fertilizers or pesticides. Follow manufacturer’s instructions and never apply when there is rain in the forecast.

Fertilizer can cause algal blooms that can kill aquatic life and harm human health.



Pick up Pet Waste. Pick up and dispose of pet waste properly. Pet waste can introduce bacteria and nutrients into our waters. Nutrients encourage algae growth, leading to cloudy, green waters that are unattractive for swimming, boating, and fishing.

Properly store and dispose of household hazardous waste.

Waste materials should always be stored in a covered location.

NEVER dump anything into a storm drain or onto the ground. Visit the Payson City or Utah County Health Department website for information on what counts as household hazardous waste where to dispose of it properly.



Avoid washing cars in the driveway or street. Wash cars in a grassy or gravel area or take vehicles to the carwash. Commercial carwashes connect to the water treatment facility.



Check for leaks. Check vehicles for leaking fluids and fix all leaks promptly. Soak up leaks with kitty litter, double bag, and dispose in the garbage. Take used oil to approved used oil recycling centers like those listed below.



See someone dumping something on the side of the road or into a storm drain?

Call Payson’s Spill Response Hotline at (385) 895-8410

AutoZone 1292 W Turf Farm Way
Wal-Mart Tire & Lube 1052 S Turf Farm Way

Used Oil Collection Centers in Payson
O’Reilly Auto Parts 25 E 500 North
Napa Auto Parts 190 E 100 North

Jiffy Lube 1094 W 800 South
Advance Auto Care 1062 W 800 South