



Clean Rain, Clear Drains

Help Protect Hamilton's Waterways!

Follow these tips from the **Hamilton Township Environmental Advisory Commission**.



Stormwater, which affects our **drinking water, aquatic life, and the environment**, is rain or melted snow that enters roadside drains and then runs straight into nearby **rivers, lakes, and streams**—often untreated. To preserve water quality, save treatment costs, and protect our ecosystems and communities, **proper** stormwater management is **crucial**.

General Tips

- **Clear waste located near drains (trash, animal waste, leaves, etc.)**
- **Regularly check drains for debris**
- **Clear drains before rainy seasons and after leaf fall**
- **Limit use of pesticides or fertilizers**
- **Do not allow vehicle fluids to drop into the driveway or street**
- **Do not dump yard waste, trash, pet waste or hazardous waste in or near drains**

RUNOFF WATER IS NOT TREATED

Most water from roadside drains is not treated or cleaned, instead flowing directly to local rivers, lakes, and streams, which eventually provide us with the water supplies we drink or bathe with.



Do's of Drain Management:



For Pet Owners:

- Always pick up pet waste and dispose of it in the trash—never leave it on lawns or sidewalks where rain can wash it into storm drains.
- Use biodegradable bags for pet waste to reduce plastic pollution.



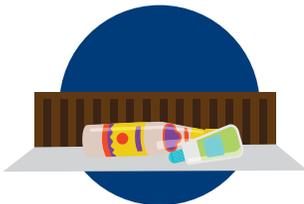
For Car Owners:

- Wash your car at a commercial car wash where water is properly treated, or wash on grass/gravel to prevent soap and oil runoff from getting into drains.
- Fix oil leaks promptly and clean up spills with absorbent materials, not water.



For Homeowners:

- Sweep driveways and sidewalks instead of hosing them down; collect leaves and yard debris for compost or green waste bins; clear drains if safe to do so.
- Use fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides sparingly, and follow label instructions to prevent excess runoff into waterways.
- Direct downspouts onto lawns or gardens, not driveways or streets.
- Call **609-581-4140** to report clogged Storm Drains or fill out an online Hamilton Township Citizen Service Request.
- All non-containerized leaves be placed in the gutter no more than seven (7) days prior to its scheduled pick up and leaves cannot be closer than ten (10) feet from the storm drain.



For Being Environmentally Friendly:

- Never dump trash, chemicals, paint, or household cleaners down storm drains. If you notice trash blocking storm drain, please remove it to prevent it from flowing into our waterways.
- Plant native plants and ground covers to reduce soil erosion and filter stormwater naturally.
- Participate in the Environmental Commission's local clean-up events to help keep your neighborhood drains and waterways clear.