

## UNDERSTANDING STORMWATER POLLUTION

Stormwater pollution occurs when rainfall carries nutrients, chemicals and other pollutants as it flows over or through the ground, depositing them into waterbodies such as lakes, rivers or springs.

> Prevent stormwater pollution by allowing more water to soak into the ground through plants and pervious surfaces. Only rainwater should go down storm drains.

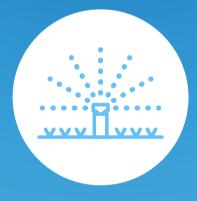
## HOW TO PREVENT STORMWATER POLLUTION



Divert downspouts away from driveways and other hard surfaces.



Properly maintain your septic system.



Ensure your irrigation system is working efficiently.



Prevent leaks and spills with regular car maintenance.



Practice Florida-Friendly Landscaping™.



Dispose of pet waste in the trash.





Never drain pools into a storm drain.



Prevent grass clippings and leaves from going down a storm drain.

Never dump trash or chemicals down a storm drain.



For additional information on stormwater pollution and other sources of nutrients, visit Protecting Florida Together at

ProtectingFloridaTogether.gov/Nutrients

