



Join us in keeping water clean!
Together we can make a difference!
Protect it. Pass it on.



ABOUT US

The MWMo is a public organization that partners to protect and improve water and habitat in an urban setting. We invest in people and infrastructure to support clean water, and provide knowledge, scientific data and expertise to help manage our vital water resources.

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Protecting Water Quality Together

Simple things you can do to help protect our water quality and habitat.



NO YARD, NO PROBLEM

No matter where you live, everyone can help protect water quality.

DID YOU KNOW that we can all take steps to prevent pollutants from reaching local lakes, streams and rivers? In the city, it takes everyone's help to stop these pollutants from hurting waters that affect our lives now and into the future.

Wondering what you can do to protect water? Choose actions from these pages to stop pollutants from entering stormpipes under our streets and flowing directly into water bodies.

KEEP STORMDRAINS CLEAN!

Clean up the stormdrain near your home on a regular basis. Dispose of trash, leaves and grass you find there in the proper way. In the winter, sweep up leftover road salt or sand near stormdrains. You can either save it and reuse it or dispose of it.

PICK UP DOG WASTE

We love our pets, but their waste contains *E. coli* bacteria and phosphorous. These pollutants harm water quality, causing illness and other problems for people and aquatic wildlife. Picking up your pet's waste ensures the bacteria doesn't get washed into stormdrains.

USE COMMERCIAL CAR WASHES

Commercial car wash businesses are required to capture the soapy, dirty water and chemicals used to clean cars. This prevents water pollution that can occur when we wash cars on the street, in the driveway or on our yards.

ELIMINATE WASTE

Reduce water pollution by only buying things you need to reduce negative impacts on water that sometimes occur during manufacturing. Buy items made from recycled materials. Join your city in recycling or composting programs.



Image: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

STORMDRAINS AND POLLUTION

Stormdrains connect directly to nearby waterbodies. Help protect our water quality by keeping trash, leaves, grass clippings, salt, sand and chemicals out of stormdrains.

SUPPORT PROJECTS OR POLICIES THAT KEEP WATER CLEAN

Build your understanding of water quality issues. Ask for information from organizations that are managing projects or writing policies that may affect water bodies. Participate in public meetings. Write emails or letters or make phone calls to constructively share your views.

PARTICIPATE IN GROUPS THAT PROTECT WATER

Enjoy time with others that share your interests. Look for volunteer opportunities like community clean-ups, habitat restoration or pollinator protection. Find groups on the internet and/or check out a list on the MWMO website to find the group fits you: mwmo.org/volunteer.