

Understanding YOUR Role in Reducing Stormwater Runoff Pollution

- Stormwater runoff occurs when rain or snowmelt flows over the ground on its way to storm drains, drainageways, creeks and lakes. Stormwater picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, pet wastes and other pollutants and deposits them in water bodies we use for swimming, fishing and drinking.

■ The Three A's of Stormwater Pollution Control:

- Be **A**ware of your part in stormwater runoff
- Take **A**ction & change habits that can make a difference in our waterways
- Notice **A**ctivities that may adversely affect drainageways, creeks, & lakes

■ Brochures in this set:

- **A**round the House (Fall 2003)
- **A**uto Care (Winter 2003/2004)
- **A**t-Risk Creeks, Streams & Lakes (Spring/Summer 2004)
- **A**dverse Affects of Runoff: The 1-year Check-up (Fall 2004)



Arapahoe County Stormwater Co-op Group:

Arapahoe County	720-874-6500
Town of Columbine Valley	303-795-1434
City of Littleton	303-795-3865
City of Centennial	303-734-4567
City of Cherry Hills Village	303-783-2731
City of Englewood	303-762-2636
City of Glendale	303-639-4500
City of Greenwood Village	303-708-6135
City of Sheridan	303-738-1098
Cherry Creek School District	720-554-4455
Littleton School District #6	303-347-3300
East Cherry Creek Valley WSD	303-693-3800
ACWWA	303-790-4830
Inverness WSD	303-649-9857
Centennial 25 Metro District	303-300-8797

For more information check out www.epa.gov/npdes

Around the House...

■ Pet Care:

- At home, bag pet waste and place it in the trash. Pet waste contains harmful bacterial pollutants and nutrients that put our water bodies at risk.
- When walking your pet, pick up and dispose of wastes properly. Use the “Pet Station” or “Dogipot” waste disposal systems where available.



■ Lawn Care:

- If you choose to use chemical fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides (remember, there are more environmentally friendly ways to control pests and grow a nice lawn!), use them sparingly and follow label directions carefully. NEVER apply chemicals when a heavy rain is forecast! Sweep up excess.
- Keep leaves and grass clippings away from streets, storm drains and drainageways. These added nutrients feed our water bodies and contribute to harmful algae blooms which kill fish.
- Cover piles of dirt or mulch being used in landscape projects to avoid washing these materials into storm drains. Sweep up work areas prior to anticipated storm events.



■ Household Products:

- Store and use products according to label.
- Recycle or properly dispose of used household products. One quart of motor oil can contaminate up to 2 million gallons of water.
- Bring old or excess products to your local Hazardous Waste Roundup Day.

