



STORM WATER NEWS

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Minot's Storm Water

Storm water runoff is generated from rain and snowmelt events. This water flows over the land and picks up pollutants like trash, chemicals, oil, and dirt. All of these pollutants can be harmful to our rivers, lakes, and coulees. Whether you use water for recreation, or as a drinking or food source, the quality matters. Everyone lives downstream!

Everyone Can Help Protect Storm Water

There are many ways to minimize your impact, and one person can make a huge difference! Getting involved in trash clean ups throughout the year can minimize the amount of trash washed into the storm sewer that eventually ends up in the Souris River. Follow the household tips below to minimize your impact and improve storm water quality.

In 2018, the City of Minot:

- Swept 9,400 cubic yards of sediment and debris from streets.
- Cleaned 54 manholes, 172 catch basins, and 14,000 feet of storm sewer pipes.
- Removed 7,500 tons of sediment from Nubbin and Oak Park dead loops.
- Collected 3,367 tons of compost and 4,360 gallons of used oil.

Visit the City of Minot Website to find the compost site closest to you!



Remember — The storm sewer system is separate from the sanitary sewer that collects household wastewater. Anything that enters the storm drain flows straight to the river or coulee, without any treatment.

Only rain should go down the drain.

Household Tips

Do sweep paved areas.

Do drain gutters and downspouts onto vegetated areas.

Do compost grass clippings and leaves.

Do dispose of hazardous waste properly at the Annual Household Hazardous Waste Event (usually held in May).

Do recycle used motor oil.

Don't hose down sidewalks or driveways.

Don't drain downspouts onto paved surfaces.

Don't wash grass or leaves into the roadway or catch basin.

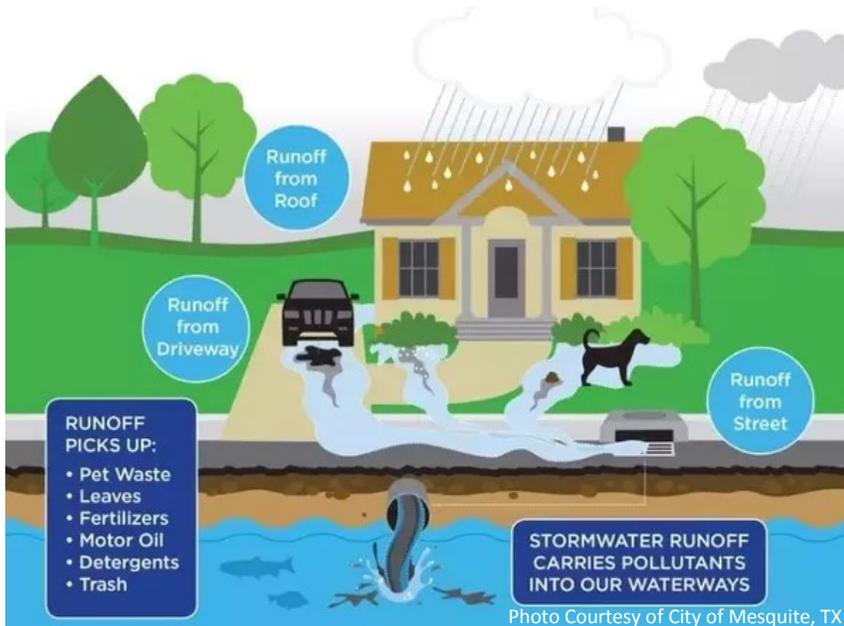
Don't pour hazardous products down any storm drain.

Don't dump used oil on the ground or down storm drains.

The City Cares about Storm Water Quality

The City of Minot enforces ordinances that prohibit polluting the Souris River. Any land disturbing activities must manage storm water on site in such a way that it does not come into contact with pollutants. Additionally, the street sweeping crews collect all sorts of pollutants like dirt, trash, and chemicals before they can enter the storm sewer system. The storm sewer

department will clean debris out of any catch basin or pipe to prevent it from flowing to the Souris River. The City's sanitation department collects yard waste at 10 sites around town. This service is free for the citizens of Minot and prevents leaves and grass clippings from entering the storm sewer system.



Soap. Grease. Bugs. All three are carried to the storm sewer and end up in the Souris River if you wash your car on the street or in a parking lot.

Storm water runoff picks up anything in its path. In this case, it picks up everything you washed off of your car (like grease and bugs), and the soap you washed it with.

Don't worry, you can still keep your car *and* the environment clean!

Commercial car washes capture and treat the contaminated runoff. They usually use less water too!



Park in a grassy area to wash at home. The pollutants will be filtered out of the water by the grass, and runoff will infiltrate into the soil.

Spills Happen. Help Us Find Them.

If you see oil, paint, suds, or sewage in ditches, drains, or waterways, you can anonymously contact the Engineering Department and we will take care of it.

Report any illegal dumping into the storm drains!

Want More Info?

Contact the City of Minot Engineering Department

Phone: (701) 857-4100

Email: engineers@minotnd.org

Online: www.minotnd.org

North Dakota Department of Health:
<http://ndhealth.gov/WQ/Storm/StormWaterHome.htm>

US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA):
<http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/npdcs/stormwater/>

The EPA also has kid friendly activities:
<http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/nps/kids/index.cfm>