

Davis County Storm Water Coalition Newsletter

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What is the Davis County Storm Water Coalition?

The Davis County Storm Water Coalition is a group city representatives, companies, and citizens collaborating together to improve the storm water quality in Davis County. The Coalition aims to improve and maintain Davis County's storm water quality because it directly impacts important bodies of water such as the Great Salt Lake. Together, the Coalition hopes to achieve mutual goals by sharing information and resources, educating the public, and coordinating activities in Davis County.

The Coalition addresses all pollutants but focuses on pollution involving silt & sediment, construction waste, fertilizers, pesticides, oils & fuels, and trash & debris.

For more information about storm water, household hazardous waste, or pollution prevention, or to find contact information for your city storm water representative, follow this QR code or go to the following website:

<http://www.co.davis.ut.us/publicworks/storm-water-coalition>



Keep the Water Clean — Not Green!

Fertilizers are widely used to help beautify and improve landscapes. However, when fertilizer gets into streams and lakes, it promotes the growth of algae. During the summer of 2016, multiple surface waters in Utah, including Utah Lake and Farmington Bay had an alarming amount of algae growth. The algae and associated cyanobacteria and cyanotoxins have a significant impact on the quality and use of these public waters.

Fertilizer can enter our local creeks by running down the curb and gutter into the storm drain system which drains directly into the creeks. The following practices can help prevent fertilizers from entering our public surface waters:

- Never wash fertilizer spills (or any spills) into the road or gutter
- Sweep up any errant material
- Follow manufacturer's recommendations and avoid over-application of fertilizer to prevent leaching of fertilizer with sprinkler water runoff
- Reduce the need for fertilizer by leaving mulched grass clippings on lawn areas to recycle nutrients



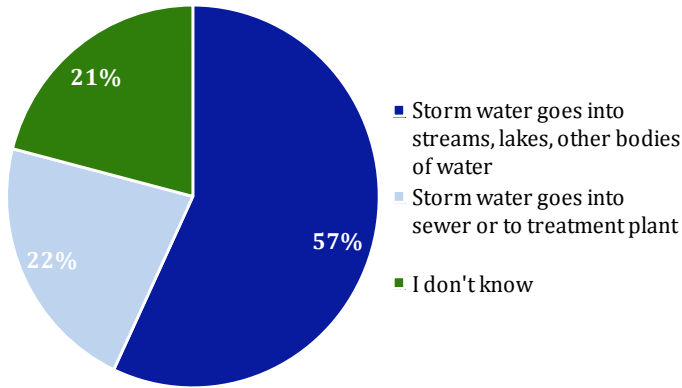
Washing of fertilizer or any other material down the gutter and into the storm drain should be reported to the Davis County Health Department Environmental Health Services Division at 801-525-5128.

THE RESULTS ARE IN!

A survey was conducted to determine what Davis County residents know about storm water and household hazardous waste.

Residents say:

Where does storm water go?



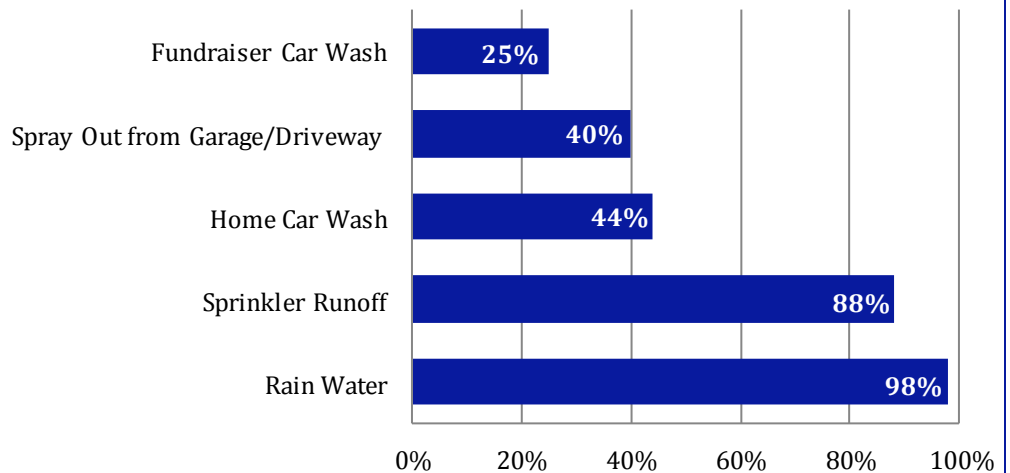
Most residents got it right! Anything that enters the storm drains ends up in our streams, lakes, and bays.

Since **none** of the water that enters storm drains gets treated, we need to prevent pollutants from entering our storm water system.

Rain water and sprinkler water are allowed to enter the storm drains, however car wash runoff and water used to clean your garage and driveway should not be allowed to enter the storm drain.

When soap, chemicals, oils, and other pollutants enter our storm drains, it can affect our recreational water and the habitat for birds, fish, and other animals.

What is allowed to enter storm drains?



If you see something, say something!

If you see a spill or illegal dumping, it should be reported to the Environmental Health Services Division of the Davis County Health Department or to your local storm water representative. Reports can be made by calling 801-525-5128 or by submitting an illicit discharge complaint online at: <http://www.co.davis.ut.us/health/environmental-health-services/complaint/report-a-complaint>.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off

Household hazardous waste includes items such as gasoline, paint, cleaning products, oil, batteries, pesticides, and anti-freeze. These items can be properly disposed of at Wasatch Integrated Waste Management (1997 East 3500 North, Layton, Utah). Some cities also have annual drop-off days for residents—contact your city representative for more information.