

City of Clewiston

SURFACE WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM

In order to comply with the requirements of the **National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)** permit, a Federal Clean Water Act requirement, the City of Clewiston must establish regulations prohibiting illicit discharges into the **Municipal Separate Storm Water System (MS4)**. Many seemingly harmless activities are hazardous to our surface waters.

Things the City is doing:

- Sweeping streets and regularly cleaning storm drain inlets
- Litter control
- Public Education (call Public Works at 863-983-1471 for more information)

Things homeowners can do:

- Stop dumping yard waste on storm drain inlets
- Stop blowing lawn clippings into the street
- Stop over fertilizing and reduce pesticide application on your lawn
- Stop running water from washing machine or water softener on the ground
- Stop washing cars on concrete or asphalt; use your grassy areas instead.
- Start disposing of household hazardous waste properly. (call 863-675-5252)

Best Management Practices (BMPs) Contractor's requirements

- Silt screens around construction sites; hay bales and silt screen around storm drain inlets within 100 feet of the site.
- Place sod on sloped banks to prevent erosion.
- Keep construction sites clean and materials properly stored.
- Businesses producing waste oil and other environmental hazardous chemicals must have these products disposed of by a certified and licensed company. Records must be kept on site to prove the proper disposal of these products.

Property owners are responsible for the proper disposal of pollutants off of their property forever.

All waste water must go into the sanitary sewer to be treated before it is released. Decaying yard waste releases pollutants from over fertilizing and pesticide applications. Storm run off from construction site must be held until pollutants settle out. When these chemicals get into a ditch or storm drain, they eventually end up in a canal and then the lake.

For more information about the City of Clewiston's MS4 permit or pollution prevention, or to set up a time our Public Works Director can meet with your Civic Club or group, call 863-983-1471. Use the same number or 863-983-1454 (Police) to report a spill or suspicious activity. *We are all responsible for pollution. Our future depends on it!*