

Let's make one thing
Perfectly Clear.
our water

Genesee County Community Water Quality Consortium



HOW CAN I HELP?

- Fertilize sparingly and carefully.
 - Use low phosphorus fertilizer or
 - Have a soil test done at your local MSU extension office to determine if fertilizer is even needed.
- Keep grass clippings, leaves, trash & dirt off the streets and out of the gutter.
- Recycle or dispose properly of used motor oil, anti-freeze and household cleaners – do not dump!
 - Car parts stores or repair shops may take used motor oil for either free or a small fee.
 - Household Hazardous Waste collection day is held in the spring and fall in Genesee County. Visit our website for times and locations.
- Park your car on the grass before washing.
 - The grass will filter the dirt that falls and the lawn will get watered.
 - Commercial car washes are required to pre-treat their wash water & discharge to the sanitary sewer where the water is cleaned before being sent back into the rivers and streams.
- Pick up after your pet.

Questions about Stormwater runoff or storm drain markers?

Contact:

Genesee County Drain Commissioner's Office
Phone: 810-732-1590
www.ClearGeneseeWater.org

DUMP NO WASTE



DRAINS TO RIVER

THE WORD ON THE STREET.

The storm drains on your street have been marked with the above label. Volunteers from your community have taken the time to stencil the markers and distribute a "No Dumping" message to educate and promote keeping pollutants out of the storm sewers to **Keep Our Water Clean.**

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

The storm sewers in your street are all connected to each other and directly to nearby rivers, streams or lakes, not to the wastewater treatment plant. When it rains, all the water that runs off the land eventually ends up in the Flint River or the Shiawassee River. The rainwater that runs off picks up pollutants on the way. Polluted runoff may include: motor oil, yard clippings, soil, fertilizers, pesticides, trash and litter. These pollutants degrade the water quality and are harmful to us, and the environment.

