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Put wastewater and runoff in their place.

Making sure that wastewater and runoff are going to the right places is critical for protecting our waterways and drinking water. So it's important to take good care of your drains, downspouts and septic system.

- **All wastewater from homes and buildings should drain into sanitary sewers or septic systems for transport to a treatment plant.** Wastewater includes discharge from washing machines. Never connect your washing machine drain hose to your basement sump pump or drain; laundry soap and bleach can harm your garden and local waterways.
- **Only rainwater and snowmelt should enter storm drains and ditches.** Storm drain systems are developed only to prevent flooding, and drain untreated water directly into local streams and creeks. Downspouts should drain into your lawn, garden or rain barrels for reuse (and savings).



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