

# Stormwater MATTERS!

## For a beautiful Socorro

Stormwater is the water that lands on our lawns, driveways and roads during a rain or snow storm. **Stormwater** that does not soak into the ground **can become polluted** by **trash, tires, paint, motor oil, grease, or fertilizers**. Stormwater pollution is then carried off into our drain systems, arroyos, streams and canals and eventually contaminates the Rio Grande River. Over 40% of our drinking water supply comes from the Rio Grande River! Keep our drinking water safe and our community beautiful by following the tips below:

### 1 Trash and litter

Keep your driveway and curbside clear of trash and litter. Take your recycling to the Socorro Recycling Center (241 Moon Rd.) and compost your yard clippings whenever possible.



### 2 Motor oil

Recycle your used motor oil and oil filters at your nearest auto shop. Never dispose of oils or chemicals down kitchen drains or storm drains.



### 3 Tires

Tires contain heavy metals, pollutants and carcinogens that can leach into stormwater and create a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Take your tires to the Clint Landfill (915-851-3194)



### 4 Pesticides and fertilizers

Never apply pesticides or fertilizers before a rain since they can wash off and contaminate our waterways. Be sure to apply these chemicals according to the package instructions.



### 5 Sceptic tank waste

Sceptic waste is toxic! Never dump or empty septic tank waste near or around a storm drain or canal. Always call a professional. Sceptic waste can carry harmful pathogens that can pose a health risk to your family and the general public.



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## Protect our waterways...

**6 Pet and Animal Waste**  
Bring a bag when walking your pets and pick up their pet waste. Keep animal waste away from storm drains, canals, or ditches to avoid contamination of our waterways.



**7 Paints and solvents**  
Use water-based paints whenever possible. Never rinse paint brushes or rinse paint containers near storm drains, canals or ditches.



**8 Car washing**  
Soaps and detergents used in car washing are harmful to fish and wildlife. Wash your car over grass or gravel so water can percolate into the ground instead of washing off into the street.



**9 Construction site debris**  
Construction activities are a major source of stormwater pollution. Keep construction sites clean by stockpiling soil, and designating and protecting waste disposal areas.



**10 Soil Erosion**  
Soil erosion not only reduces the ability of soil to store water and support plant growth, but can pose a risk to your home. Plant ground cover, native plants and trees to prevent soil erosion.



## For more information visit

<http://ci.socorro.tx.us/stormwater-management/>



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