

What should you report?

- Contaminants in waters
- Illegal dumping in storm drains
- Odd discharges from pipes
- Sewage leaks on ground
- Numerous dead fish in waters
- Faulty septic systems
- Construction site erosion affecting waters
- Polluted runoff from storage piles and dumpsters
- Unlawful sewer connections to drains or waters

To report pollution, identify the:

- Source
- Amount
- Affected waters
- Time
- Location or nearest crossroads



24-Hour Pollution Hotline

248-858-0931

oakgov.com/water



Pollutants that can impact our waterways include:

- Sediment
- Bacteria
- Pesticides
- Grease, oil and other hazardous chemicals



Did you know?

Stormwater manhole covers allow for inspections, maintenance and repairs. They enable staff to ensure storm drains are clear of debris and function correctly.

Pictured here you will see Water Resources Commissioner Jim Nash and Stormwater Manhole Cover Art Contest winner Mandy Chu with her winning design.

SIX TIPS TO HELP PREVENT POLLUTION FROM ENTERING OUR WATERS:

1. Never dump anything down a storm drain.

Use your community's program to dispose of household hazardous waste.

2. Minimize soil erosion and sedimentation.

If there is bare soil, cover it as soon as possible with seed and straw mulch or sod.

3. Use minimal pesticides and fertilizers.

Use only the recommended amount and avoid over spraying. Rain can wash these chemicals into storm drains.

4. Bag it!

Always clean up after pets and throw their waste in the trash. Pet waste contains harmful bacteria.

5. Get pumped.

If a home has a septic system, make sure to have the tank emptied every three to five years.

6. Clean Up.

When cutting grass, using fertilizers or pesticides, remember to clean up clippings and chemical residue from paved surfaces so rain doesn't wash it into storm drains.