

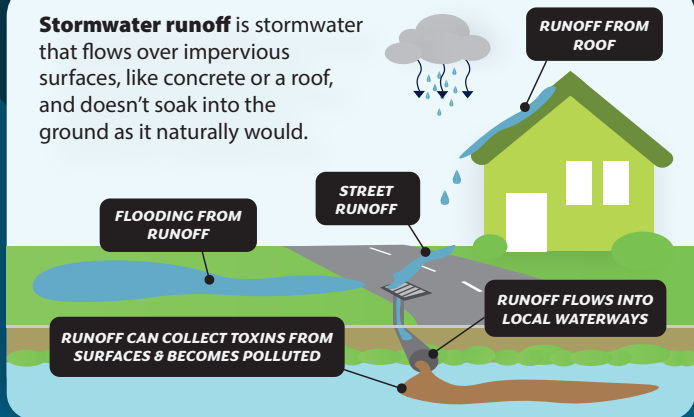
STORMWATER IN YOUR COMMUNITY

**HOW YOU CAN HELP COMBAT FLOODING AND
WATER POLLUTION IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD**

WHAT IS STORMWATER AND STORMWATER RUNOFF?

Stormwater is water generated from **rainfall and snowmelt**.

Stormwater runoff is stormwater that flows over impervious surfaces, like concrete or a roof, and doesn't soak into the ground as it naturally would.



When not managed well, stormwater runoff can:



FLOOD RESIDENCES

Damaging property and being costly for residents.



COST MUNICIPALITIES

From city flooding, sewage overflows, and water treatment.



DAMAGE HUMAN HEALTH

By introducing disease-causing pathogens and chemicals that treatment can't filter out.



HARM THE ENVIRONMENT

By depositing toxins into the environment and leading to land and habitat loss.

**Homeowner actions can greatly reduce stormwater
and stormwater runoff issues.**

Continue to the back side for tips on how to improve
stormwater runoff and water quality.

HOW TO REDUCE STORMWATER RUNOFF IN YOUR COMMUNITY

The following actions help reduce stormwater quantity and improve quality in your community. These actions will **lessen the risk of flooding, water pollution, and damage to human health and the environment**. These actions are referred to as **green stormwater infrastructure (GSI)** or best management practices.



Dipose of household hazardous waste materials properly

Make sure you dispose of hazardous waste materials like paint, cleaners, and oils properly. Follow the QR code below for more information on disposal.



Plant native plants and consider planting a rain garden

Native plants and rain gardens help absorb and filter stormwater on your property. Follow the QR code below for Oakland County Park's native plant guide.



Harvest rainwater with a rain barrel

Collect rainwater from your roof by directing a downspout into a rain barrel. Use the collected rainwater for non-potable water uses like watering your flower garden or washing your car.



Divert rainwater from roofs, gutters, and driveways

Diverting rainfall from your roof onto a pervious surface, such as grass or gravel, helps reduce stormwater runoff as well as water pollution.



Keep septic systems well-maintained

Leaky septic systems can deposit harmful bacteria into groundwater and waterways. Keeping your septic system well-maintained prevents this along with costly repairs.

