

# Is stormwater treated?

**NO.** The stormwater collection system is completely separate from the sanitary sewer system connected to our homes and businesses. The sanitary sewer system delivers wastewater from our sinks, showers, toilets, washing machines, etc. to a wastewater treatment facility where the wastewater is treated and either reused for landscape irrigation or recharged back into the ground. Stormwater runoff collected in storm drains does not receive treatment before it is discharged into retention basins, greenbelt areas, parks, and community lakes within your neighborhood.

Stormwater and pollutants that enter the storm drains are discharged directly into areas where our children and pets play. Pollutants discharged into the street and storm drain system can also pollute surface waters and ground water.



It is our sincere intent to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Chandler, by ensuring that its streets, alleys, storm drainage system and other rights-of-ways remain clean and safe.

For more information on stormwater and stormwater resources, visit: [www.chandleraz.gov/stormwater](http://www.chandleraz.gov/stormwater) or call 480-782-3503.



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# STORM DRAINS:

Do you know where stormwater pollutants end up?



(We bet you will be surprised...)



## DID YOU KNOW...

Stormwater runoff is a leading cause of pollution to surface waters in the United States. Stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation from rainfall events flows over the ground. Stormwater flows pick up dirt, litter, automotive fluids, pet waste, household chemicals, pesticides, fertilizers, heavy metals, yard waste and other pollutants as it flows over paved surfaces and yards. Paved surfaces like driveways, sidewalks and streets direct stormwater runoff into the gutter and eventually into a storm drain structure, where it discharges untreated into the nearest landscaped retention basin, park, greenbelt or local community lake within your neighborhood.

# Be the solution to stormwater pollution.

## Follow these tips to prevent debris and pollutants from entering our storm drains:



Dispose of pool water in a sanitary sewer clean-out located on private property or maintain it on your property. Backwashing or draining a pool into a City street, alley or other City right of way is prohibited. Visit [www.chandleraz.gov](http://www.chandleraz.gov) and search "pool drainage" for more information.



Take household hazardous waste products such as cleaning products, automotive fluids, paint, pesticides, etc. to the City's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility for recycling and proper disposal. Visit [www.chandleraz.gov](http://www.chandleraz.gov) and search "household hazardous waste" for more information.



Apply pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers sparingly. More is not always better.



Adjust your sprinkler heads and controller or timer to avoid overwatering and runoff entering the street. Visit [www.chandleraz.gov/water](http://www.chandleraz.gov/water)



Maintain your vehicle to be leak free. Repair leaks to keep automotive fluids off of paved areas. Clean-up spilled fluids with an absorbent material like kitty litter and promptly remove.



Wash vehicles at a commercial car wash to prevent pollutants from entering the street.



Have landscape materials delivered and maintained on private property and not on the sidewalk, street or gutter. Do not wash sediment or debris onto paved areas.



Keep trash and other debris out of the storm drains. If you see it, pick it up.



Pick up and properly dispose of pet waste. Pet waste can contain bacteria and be a significant source of stormwater pollution.



Sweep yard debris into piles for collection and dispose of it properly, rather than hosing or blowing it into the street.



Prevent erosion and minimize sediment from entering the street and storm drains by maintaining grass, vegetation or landscape rock on front yards.

HELP PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY. REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING INTO THE STREET OR STORM DRAIN SYSTEM:

City of Chandler Streets Division 480-782-3503