



Be the  
Solution to  
Water Pollution

## Stormwater?

The goal of Bradley County Stormwater Regulations is to protect the water quality and natural habitats of creeks and lakes in our county from pollutants that could be potentially harmful to the health and safety of our citizens.

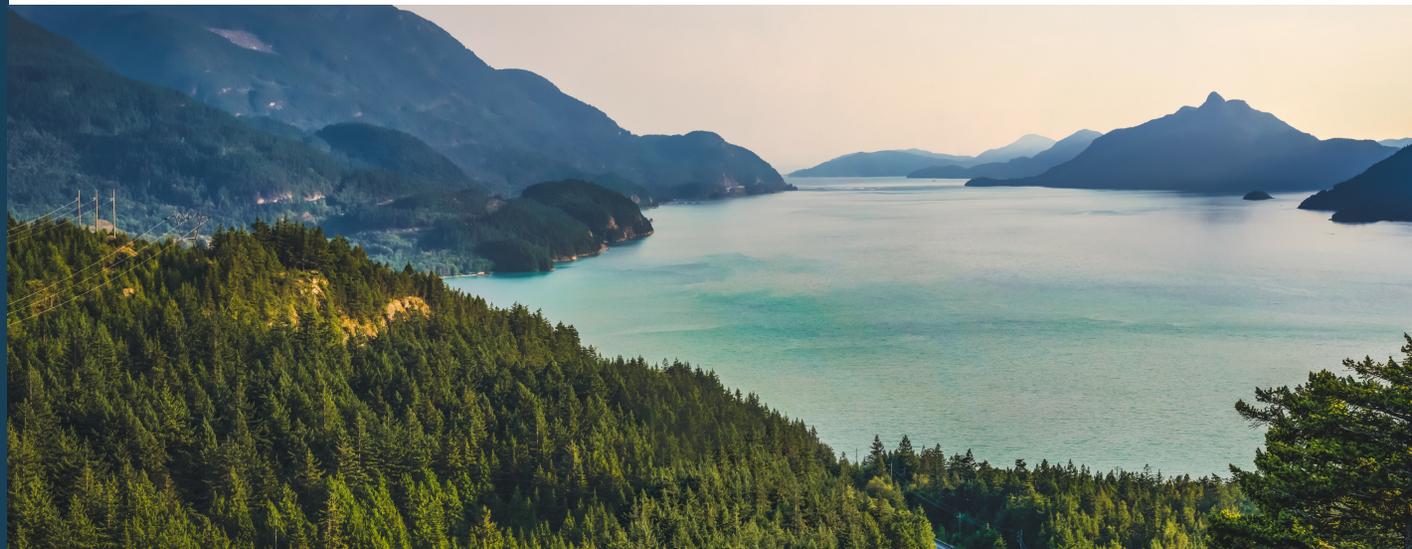
*Stormwater:* any form of precipitation runoff that is not treated before entering creeks, rivers, and other local water bodies.

## BRADLEY COUNTY STORMWATER

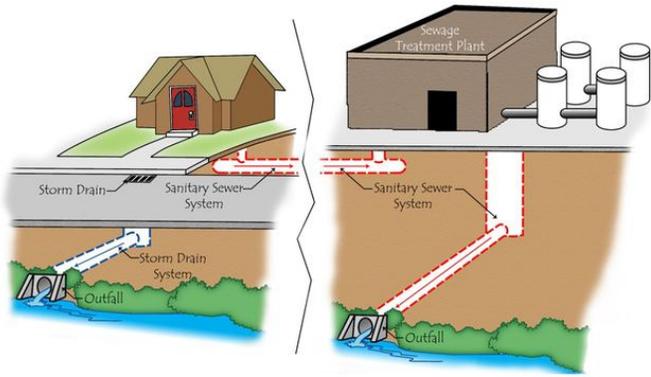
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## PREVENTING WATER POLLUTION

Bradley County Stormwater



## Storm Drains Vs. Sewers



The water that flows down a toilet or sink drains into **sanitary sewers** and is treated at a wastewater treatment plant. Storm drains are **NOT** connected to sanitary sewers and stormwater **IS NOT** treated. The storm drain system carries water away from homes to prevent flooding. It flows directly to ponds, lakes, streams, and rivers

# How to Prevent Water Pollution:

**Best Management Practices (BMPs)** are precautions that, when implemented, effectively prevent stormwater pollution

### VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

- Washing vehicles over grass or gravel and minimize
- Don't drain water to storm drains
- Perform vehicle maintenance indoors
- Use drip pans to collect fluids
- Clean up leaking fluids immediately using absorbent materials such as sand or rags

### HOUSEHOLD WASTE MANAGEMENT

- Keep ground around garbage can free of trash, sediment, and debris
- Keep lids on dumpsters and trash cans
- Fix leaks in waste containers immediately

### HAZARDOUS WASTE

- Store household chemicals unexposed to rain
- Label all chemical storage containers
- Keep lids on all outdoor storage containers
- Clean up and dispose of spills immediately and properly

### YARD CARE

- Do not use nitrogen or phosphorous fertilizers from June-September
- Do not blow leaves into street or storm drains. Instead, bag leaves and grass for trash pickup
- Follow designated watering restrictions. Irrigate in morning or evening to avoid evaporation
- Aim and time sprinklers to avoid over watering
- Limit pesticide, herbicide, and fertilizer usage; apply minimum recommended rates
- Avoid pesticides that eliminate beneficial insects.

**Pollution Prevention  
Hotline:  
(423) 728 - 7102**



Pollutants can include,  
but are not limited to:

Leaves, Grass Clippings, Tree  
Clippings, Yard Waste Fertilizers,  
Garbage Can and Vehicle Fluid Leaks

Pesticides, Herbicides, Household  
Hazardous Waste, any other Substance not  
entirely composed of stormwater