

Storm Water Pollution Prevention

What is Storm Water Pollution?

Many household activities can contribute to storm water contamination. During rain events, dirt, debris, oil, and household chemicals can runoff and impact creeks, streams, rivers, etc. This can impact local aquatic ecosystems and potentially contaminate drinking water sources.

Storm Water Pollution Prevention Practices

Lawn Care

- Use environmentally friendly lawn care products when possible.
- Use fertilizers and pesticides sparingly, and follow product directions.
- Refrain from overwatering your lawn to prevent runoff.
- Follow any watering schedule restrictions set by the City of Abilene or Dyess Air Force Base.
- Collect and compost leaves and grass clippings instead of hosing down the storm drain.

Pets

- Pick up pet waste and dispose of it in the garbage.
- Look for pet waste collection stations along bike / walking trails and around playground areas.

Trash

- Recycle trash when possible or dispose of trash in covered waste collection containers.
- Sweep and collect litter and debris from driveways for disposal instead of hosing down the storm drain.

Household Chemicals

- Use environmentally friendly products when possible.
- Dispose of leftover paints, detergents, cleaning supplies, etc. at the appropriate designated special waste collection location listed below.
- Properly store all household chemicals so they are not exposed to rain or rainwater runoff.

Washing Vehicles

- Use a car wash or designated vehicle washing area.
- Use hoses with nozzles that automatically turn off when left unattended.

Automotive Maintenance

- Maintenance on vehicles, such as changing engine oil fluids, must be performed at the Auto Hobby Shop or off-base.
- Properly dispose of automotive fluids at the Auto Hobby Shop or at other authorized used oil collection centers off-base.

Special Waste Collection Locations

Dyess AFB Automotive and Household Wastes:
Auto Hobby Shop (Building 7101)

Paints:

The City of Abilene Recycling Center
2209 Oak Street, Abilene, TX
Phone: (325) 672-2209

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