

Up for a swim?

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Grab a beach towel and head for the nearest... storm drain?

That's right! Your favorite swimming hole begins right on your street. The storm drain along the curb is a direct connection to the Huron River. When rainwater and melting snow wash into the drain, pollutants are carried along for the ride. Litter, pet waste, dirt, fertilizers, antifreeze and motor oil... these are just a few examples of contaminants that enter our waterways through storm drains. No filters, no treatment.

Here's how you can help:

- Clean sidewalks and drives with a broom instead of a hose.
- Keep debris away from your nearby storm drain grate.
- Pick up and dispose of pet waste in the trash.
- Direct sprinklers onto lawns and gardens and avoid watering pavement.
- Use zero phosphorus lawn fertilizers.

**Be a water quality champion.
Keep storm drains for rainwater only.**

Small actions make a
BIG difference!



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