

# Prevent Pollution At Home

**City of  
Brampton**

## Planning, Building & Growth Management

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To learn more ways on reducing stormwater pollution in Brampton, visit [Brampton.ca/Pollution-Prevention](http://Brampton.ca/Pollution-Prevention)



### Stormwater Pollution

Stormwater runoff is rainfall and snowmelt that flows across hard surfaces such as paved parking lots and driveways, and into Brampton's stormwater drainage system, which is connected to local rivers and creeks.

Stormwater runoff can cause pollution when it picks up substances like oil, pesticides, heavy metals, chemicals, road salt and more on its way to the environment.

**You can help prevent stormwater pollution at home by keeping pollutants out of the stormwater system.**

### What is the Difference Between Sanitary Sewer and Stormwater Sewer?

The sanitary system collects water from toilets, sinks, showers, laundry facilities and basement floor drains and directs it to a wastewater treatment facility, where it gets treated before discharging it into Lake Ontario.

The storm sewer system collects stormwater runoff and directs it to stormwater ponds or directly into local rivers and creeks, and eventually Lake Ontario.

This runoff ends up in local rivers and creeks that flow down to Lake Ontario.

### What is Stormwater Pollution?

As water flows over hard surfaces like roads, rooftops, parking lots and sidewalks, stormwater picks up:

- Pet waste
- Litter
- Dirt, soil, and yard waste
- Road salt
- Fertilizers and pesticides
- Motor oil, fuel and grease
- Paints and solvents



## Help to Prevent Pollution at Home

**We can all help prevent stormwater pollution and protect the health of local rivers and creeks by taking these steps:**

- **Keep your property clean and free of litter.**
- **Pick up after your pet and dispose of pet waste properly.**
- **Be mindful of road salt use. Shovel snow and chip away ice before applying salt.**
- **Reduce or eliminate the use of fertilizers and pesticides.**
- **Dispose of household hazardous materials such as motor oil, antifreeze, and paints at Region of Peel's Community Recycling Centres.**
- **Follow the City's regulations regarding the discharge of pool water.**

**Only Rain Down the Drain!**



### **Be Part of the Solution to Protect our Local Waterways from Pollution**

You can prevent stormwater pollution by making sure only rain or snowmelt goes into storm drains.

If you notice a spill, please report it to:

- **Peel Region Emergency Response Team: 905-791-7800 (24-hours)**
- **Ontario Spills Action Centre: 1-866-MOE-TIPS (663-8477) (24-hours, 7 days a week)**
- **City of Brampton: Call 311**



**It is up to all of us to protect the environment, the community and infrastructure.**