

Resources

Bay County Public Works

<https://www.baycountyfl.gov/255/Public-Works>

City of Panama City Beach Stormwater Division

<https://www.pcbfl.gov/390/Stormwater-Division>

City of Panama City Public Works Department

<https://www.panamacity.gov/156/Public-Works>

City of Lynn Haven Public Works - Stormwater

<https://www.cityoflynnhaven.com/468/Stormwater>

City of Springfield Public Works

<https://www.springfieldfl.net/publicworks>

City of Callaway Stormwater Management

<https://www.cityofcallaway.com/85/Stormwater-Management>

City of Parker Public Works

<https://cityofparker.com/departments/public-works/>

City of Mexico Beach Public Works

<https://mexicobeachfl.gov/residents/public-works-department/>

Gulf County Public Works

https://www.gulfcounty-fl.gov/county_government/public_works

City of Port St. Joe Public Works

<https://www.cityofportstjoe.com/city-public-works.cfm>

Walton County Stormwater Management Program

<https://www.mywaltonfl.gov/806/NPDES-Stormwater-Management-Program>



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ABOUT US:

Protecting and Restoring Our Bays, Together.

The St. Andrew and St. Joseph Bays Estuary Program works across jurisdictions to protect the waters and habitats throughout our watershed together with community needs. Through collaboration, science, education, and restoration, we advance a shared vision of healthy bays, thriving wildlife, and resilient coastal communities.



*When it rains,
It drains!*

STORMWATER BASICS

*How everyday choices can
protect our waterways
from marine debris and
pollution*



What is Stormwater?

Stormwater is excess water from rainfall that runs off impervious surfaces such as streets, rooftops, and parking lots into storm drains. This water may carry pollutants that it picks up along the way such as chemicals, man-made and organic debris. Things like trash, fertilizer, pet waste or oil spills on the ground can all eventually reach our waterways. .



Stormwater vs. Wastewater

Stormwater in our area is primarily rainwater that flows directly into waterways through storm drains and outfalls.

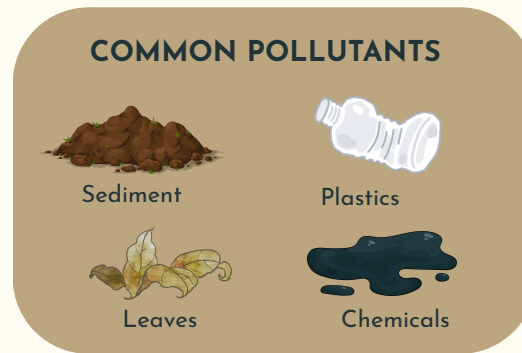
Wastewater, or sewage, originates from homes and businesses and is treated to drinking water standards at treatment plants before being discharged either underground, into waterways, or wetland.



Stormwater Impacts

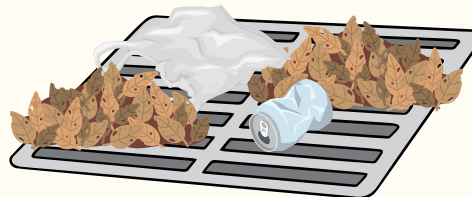
POLLUTION

Because stormwater is untreated, any pollutants that are carried by stormwater may end up in waterway, increasing nutrients levels which may result in poor water and habitat quality that could lead to harmful algal blooms and polluted waterways.



FLOODING

When storm drains are blocked by leaves, trash, or sediment, water can't flow properly. This causes localized flooding in yards, streets, and infrastructure, traffic hazards, and more pollution as runoff picks up more debris and carries it to nearby waters.



How You Can Help

RESPONSIBLE DISPOSAL

You can keep pollutants out of our waterways by properly disposing of trash and chemicals so that they don't make their way into storm drains.

LANDSCAPING: RAIN GARDEN

Rain gardens are shallow, planted depressions designed to collect and absorb rainwater that would otherwise become runoff.

PLANT TREES!

Trees help manage stormwater by acting as natural sponges and breaking up compact soil through their root system.

ADOPT-A-DRAIN PROGRAM

To make difference in your own neighborhood, Adopt a Drain near you!

