

Storm Water Management

The City of Norwood has developed its own Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP) in order to comply with the requirements of the Clean Water Act (CWA) in accordance with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II program.

The Storm Water Management Plan addresses the six Minimum Control Measures required by the NPDES permit. These are:

1. Public Education and Outreach
2. Public Participation/ Involvement
3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
4. Construction Site Storm Water Runoff Control
5. Post Construction Storm Water Management
6. Pollution Prevention/ Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations

A major goal of Storm Water Management is to reduce storm water pollution, thereby protecting downstream creeks, streams, and rivers. The City of Norwood does not have any City storm outfalls to creeks (all City storm sewers go to combined sewers, which are under the jurisdiction of MSD), but the Public Works Department regularly cleans catch basins, has a street sweeping program, and conducts other activities to still help reduce runoff and pollution. The Building Department also has procedures and policies in place to monitor erosion control at construction sites. A copy of the SWMP is available at City Hall for review.

Here are some good tips provided by the USEPA for residents to help reduce storm water pollution in their community:

10 Things You Can Do to Prevent Stormwater Runoff Pollution

- Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks, and gutters
- Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams
- Vegetate bare spots in your yard
- Compost your yard waste
- Use least toxic pesticides, follow labels, and learn how to prevent pest problems
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider a rain garden to capture runoff
- Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway
- Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil
- Pick up after your pet

If you have any questions regarding Stormwater Issues, please contact Joe Geers at 513-458-4503.

For additional information and reference materials, visit the USEPA website at <https://www.epa.gov/npdes/npdes-stormwater-program>