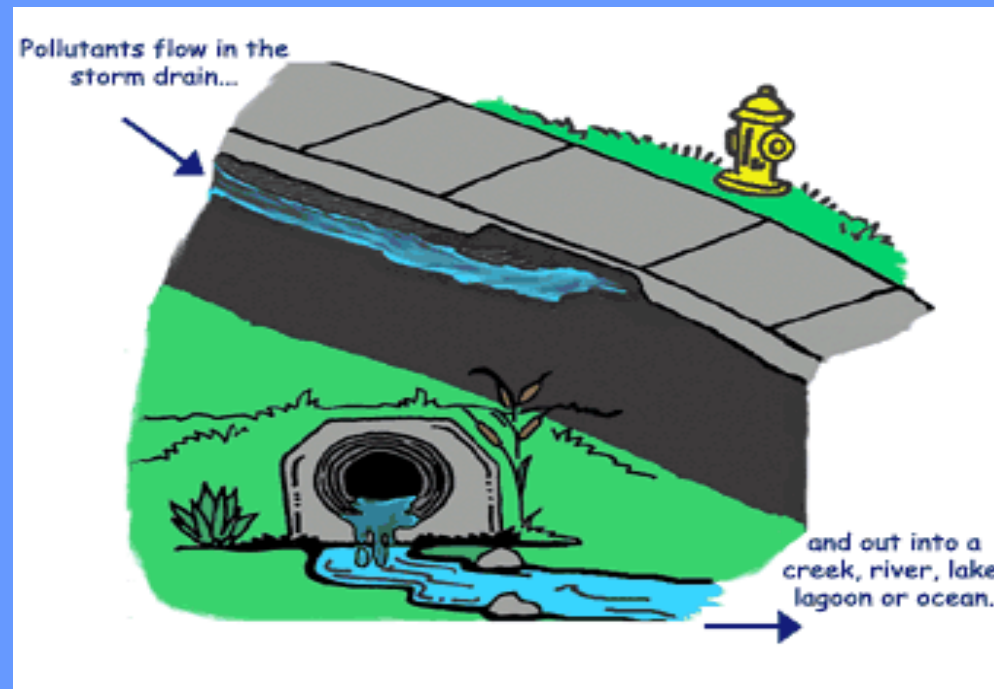


# Stormwater Runoff

# What is Stormwater Runoff



- Storm water is the water that runs down the street when it's raining. Storm water enters holes in the gutter called storm drains. Water that flows down the street when it's not raining, like when you wash your car or water your lawn, is called urban runoff.

# What Gets Into the Water ?

Gasoline

Grass clippings

Soap

Trash

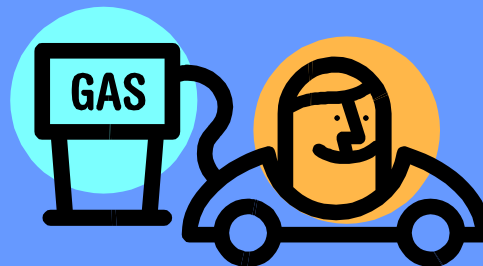
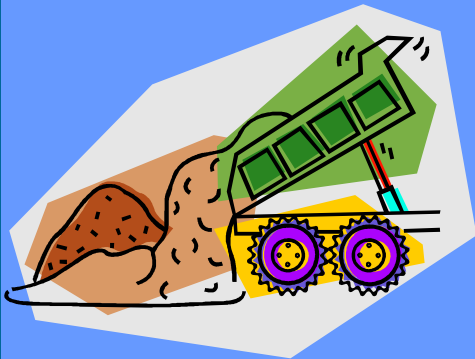
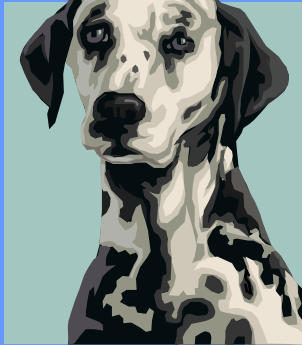
Pet Waste

Soil

Fertilizer

Pesticides

# Every Day Sources of Pollutants



# How this affects Nature



- Too many leaves and grass clippings in our rivers will take all the oxygen out of the water suffocating the animals and plants that live there.
- The waste from our pets carries dangerous bacteria that could kill everything that lives in the water.

# How it affects Us

- If all this pollution gets into the water it will make it harder to purify which means less water to use for drinking water and to shower.
- Also you won't be able to swim in the lakes, ponds or rivers or fish because all the chemicals and bacteria in the water might hurt you.
- Because of increased pollutants we can no longer eat the fish from our creeks, rivers and oceans. This will result in reduce number of jobs available for people that buy and sell seafood to stores and restaurants .



# How can you make a difference

## LAWN AND GARDEN

- Do not blow or rake leaves into the street, gutter or storm drains.
- Don't over water your lawn.
- Plant grass or flowers in bare spots in your yard to prevent soil erosion.
- Clean up after your pets.
- Pick up trash off the ground.
- If you spill a chemical (oil, cleaners) clean it up, don't flush it down the drain.
- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly.

# Review Time !!!

3 Everyday Sources of Pollutants ?

How do these pollutants effect us or nature ?

What can we do to stop these pollutants from getting in the water ?





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“Go Green, Stay Clean”