

## Protect Our Stormwater Today for Clean Water Tomorrow

### WHERE DOES STORMWATER POLLUTION COME FROM??

**It comes from all of us!!!**

Many things contribute to stormwater pollution:

- Leftover paint
- Motor oil
- Lawn fertilizers and pesticides
- Yard waste (grass clippings)
- Pet waste
- Oil leaks on streets and parking lots
- Sediment from construction sites

Rainwater and snowmelt pick up these pollutants and carry them downstream to our creeks, lakes, rivers, and eventually to our oceans. Each year this runoff pollution adds up to more water pollution than industry creates in a year.

*What can we do? It's Simple...* Dump nothing down the storm drain that you wouldn't drink or swim in!!!

- Use less fertilizer on lawns
- Minimize use of pesticides
- Use garden trimmings for compost.
- Recycle used oil. (*Citizens can take their used oil to 3470 N. Marksheffel Rd.*)
- Wash your car at a commercial carwash that recycles and treats the water, or wash it on your lawn. *Do not wash your car in your driveway or on the street where the chemicals will run into the storm drain.*
- Pick up pet wastes
- Don't litter
- Keep all yard and landscaping materials (*such as soil, gravel, and rocks*) off the streets. This way they can't wash down the storm drain when it rains.
- Take your leftover paints and pesticides to the El Paso County Household Chemical Waste Collection Facility (*Call 520-7878 for an appointment.*)