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**Stop Storm Drain  
Pollution!  
What Residents Can Do**

- *Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly.*



- *Wash vehicles on grassy areas or better yet, at a commercial car wash.*

- *Promptly fix oil leaks and use ground cloths when doing engine work.*



- *Recycle used motor oil and antifreeze.*

- *Properly dispose of pet waste by bagging it or flushing it down your toilet.*

- *Pump you septic system regularly.*

- *Properly dispose of all Hazardous materials.*

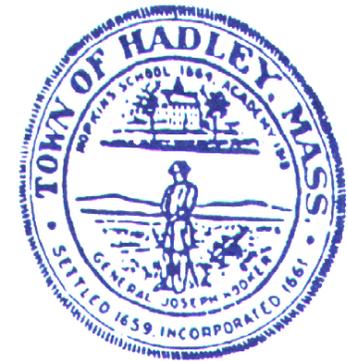


- *Don't overdo sand & salt use on driveways and sidewalks.*

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# Protecting Water Quality in Hadley's Streams



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Program**

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# What is Stormwater Runoff?

Stormwater runoff is rain or snowmelt that flows over the ground. As it flows over driveways, streets, lawns and sidewalks, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. Storm water flows into drainage ditches or catch basins which are part of Hadley's storm water system. Stormwater runoff is discharged untreated directly into lakes, streams, rivers and wetlands.



**Storm Water Runoff  
Is Untreated !**

## What types of debris can cause pollution?

- Yard trash like pet waste and grass clippings;
- Fluids that leak from cars and trucks, like oil, gas, and antifreeze;
- Litter of all kinds including waste paper, bottles and cans;
- Fertilizers and pesticides; and
- Sand, salt, and soil from roads, unpaved driveways, or construction sites.

## Pollution is not only caused by industry .

In recent years, sources of water pollution like industrial wastes from factories have been greatly reduced. Now, more than 60 percent of water pollution comes from things like cars leaking oil, fertilizers from farms and gardens, and failing septic tanks. All these sources add up to a big pollution problem.



## Why do we need Clean Water?

Having clean water is of primary importance to our health and economy. The water that we use for swimming, fishing, recreation or drinking can be harmed by the polluted storm water runoff. Hazardous wastes in lakes and streams will poison fish and humans. Trash washed into these lakes and streams can choke birds and small animals.

**WE ALL BENEFIT FROM CLEAN WATER  
AND WE ALL CAN HELP TO KEEP OUR  
WATER CLEAN!**

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