Stormwater and Pollution
Stormwater is water from rain or melting snow that does not soak into the ground. It flows from rooftops, over paved areas, bare soil, and sloped lawns — washing pollutants from streets, construction sites, and land into storm sewers and ditches. Eventually, the storm sewers and ditches empty the polluted stormwater directly into streams and rivers with no treatment. This is known as stormwater pollution.

You Can Identify a Storm Sewer
by the grated drains found along roadways and within some low-lying and seasonally wet (swale) areas. They collect excess stormwater from rain and snowmelt that does not soak into the ground, and convey it to streams, rivers, and other local waterbodies.

We See It During Every Storm —
automotive fluids creating a colored sheen mixed with rain or snowmelt on parking lots, trash, cigarette butts, animal waste, and misapplied lawn treatments washed into storm drains.

The Stormwater Coalition of Monroe County: A partnership to protect water quality
A number of communities and entities within Monroe County have joined together to develop a stormwater management program to protect our waterways and enhance our quality of life. The goal of the Stormwater Coalition of Monroe County is to utilize regional collaboration to identify existing resources and develop programs to reduce the negative impacts of stormwater pollution.

The Coalition meets monthly to work collectively on developing and implementing a stormwater management program that complies with New York State’s Phase II Stormwater Regulations.

Brighton  Brockport
Chili      Churchville
City of Rochester  Clarkson
East Rochester  Fairport
Gates       Greece
Hamlin      Henrietta
Hilton      Irondequoit
Mendon

Monroe County  Ogden
Parma        Penfield
Perinton     Pittsford (T)
Pittsford (V)  Riga
Scottsville  Spencerport
SUNY Brockport  Sweden
Webster (T)   Webster (V)

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Avoid blanket applications of pesticides by treating only affected areas.

Use low or no phosphorus fertilizer and apply in early autumn for best results.

Maintain natural vegetation in filter areas or swales, especially along streams.

Direct downspouts away from driveways or storm drains.

Compost or mulch leaves and yard debris.

Mow high; mulch grass clippings.

Do not overuse or misapply fertilizers onto sidewalks and paved areas.

Sweep up litter and debris from driveways and parking lots rather than hosing debris into storm drains.

Use proper pesticide notification signs and let your neighbors know. See www.monroecounty.gov (click on Public Health) or call 753-PEST for more information and regulations.

Plant buffer zones and rain gardens.