



PREVENT STORMWATER POLLUTION!

Fertilizers contain large amounts of nutrients like nitrogen and phosphorous which can wash into ponds, lakes and streams leading to the overgrowth of aquatic plants. These conditions can cause:

- Nuisance algal blooms
- Taste and odor problems
- Fish kills due to low dissolved oxygen
- Increased drinking water costs

Pesticides and Herbicides are substances that prevent, repel or destroy any pests. Widespread use:

- May cause serious health effects in children and adults
- Can harm non-target or beneficial organisms
- Can lead to pesticide or herbicide resistance in some species



What Can You Do?

Rain Barrels are used to collect excess rainwater for use in landscape irrigation.

- Conserves water and reduces costs
- Decreases runoff to local streams and creeks which reduces flooding and erosion
- Filters pollutants from stormwater runoff which improves water quality in our lakes, streams and creeks



Rain Gardens are shallow vegetated depressions in your yard designed to absorb and filter stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces like roofs, sidewalks and driveways. Rain Gardens can:

- Provide an attractive addition to your landscape
- Conserve water and reduce costs
- Filter pollutants picked up by stormwater runoff which improves our local water quality
- Reduce the risk of flooding and erosion by decreasing the speed and volume of stormwater runoff

Integrated Pest Management is an effective, environmentally sensitive approach to pest management that incorporates a variety of different techniques to control pests which minimizes the impact on human health, the environment and non-target organisms.

IPM uses:

- Preventative cultural methods
- A combination of physical, mechanical, biological and chemical controls



IPM can:

- Reduce Stormwater Pollution
- Create a safe and enjoyable landscape environment

Remember to always use, store and dispose of pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers properly!



For more information visit
The City of Arlington's
Stormwater Management Division
www.arlingtontx.gov/stormwater/community-outreach-program

