

How You Can Help Reduce Pollution Entering the Grand River

City of Grand Haven is working to better manage storm water runoff. As an employee of City of Grand Haven, you have the opportunity to help reduce the amount of pollution entering the storm sewer and ultimately the Grand River and Lake Michigan.



What is Storm Water Pollution?

When it rains, storm water flows over lawns, streets, and parking lots, carrying with it road dirt, fertilizers, oil, and grease into storm drains, which are often located alongside streets and parking lots.

Where do Storm Drains Lead?

Storm drains lead directly to nearby streams and lakes, usually without any type of treatment. Storm water entering storm drains in City of Grand Haven ultimately leads to the Grand River and Lake Michigan.

How Can I Help Reduce Storm Water Pollution at Work?

- Report dumping to your city storm water coordinator at 616-847-3493 or bhunter@grandhaven.org.
- Make sure that washwater and other wastes do not enter a storm drain.
- Recycle waste as much as possible.
- Remember to close the lids on dumpsters and outdoor trash cans.
- Help build awareness of storm water pollution by sharing this information.

How Can I Help Reduce Storm Water Pollution at Home?

- Never dump grass clippings, vehicle fluids, or anything else down a storm drain.
- Dispose of pet waste in a trash can.
- Take used motor oil to a quick lube or auto shop.
- Avoid fertilizing your lawn before a rain storm.
- Wash your car at a commercial car wash, or on your lawn, to prevent dirt and soap from entering a storm drain.

