



What is stormwater management?

Stormwater management is a system that allows us to control water quantity and water quality when it rains.

The goal is to slow down the water flow and spread it out, in order to minimize erosion, reduce flooding, and prevent pollutants from washing into our rivers.

Richland County Stormwater Division is here to provide stormwater support for YOU

The Richland County Stormwater Management Division uses

Quantitative controls—a system of vegetative or structural measures, or both, that control the increased volume and rate of stormwater runoff caused by manmade changes to the land;

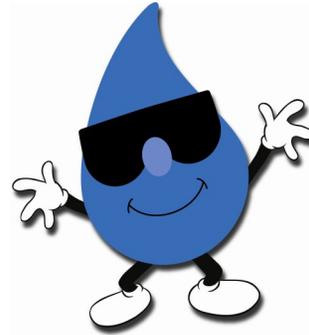
Qualitative controls—a system of vegetative, structural, or other measures that reduce or eliminate pollutants that might otherwise be carried by stormwater runoff.

Our Division Goals:

- Preserve the quality of the waterways in Richland County
- Provide for the safe and efficient capture and transport of stormwater runoff
- Serve as County contact to residents for water quality issues

To report illicit discharges or pollution, call the Stormwater Hotline:

803 - 929 - 6000



Join our team!

Stormwater...let's keep it clean!



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Do You Know



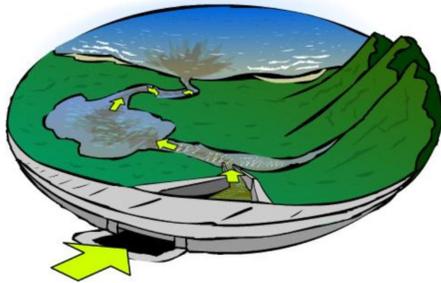
WHERE THE WATER GOES?



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When it rains, water either *infiltrates* the ground surface or becomes surface runoff.

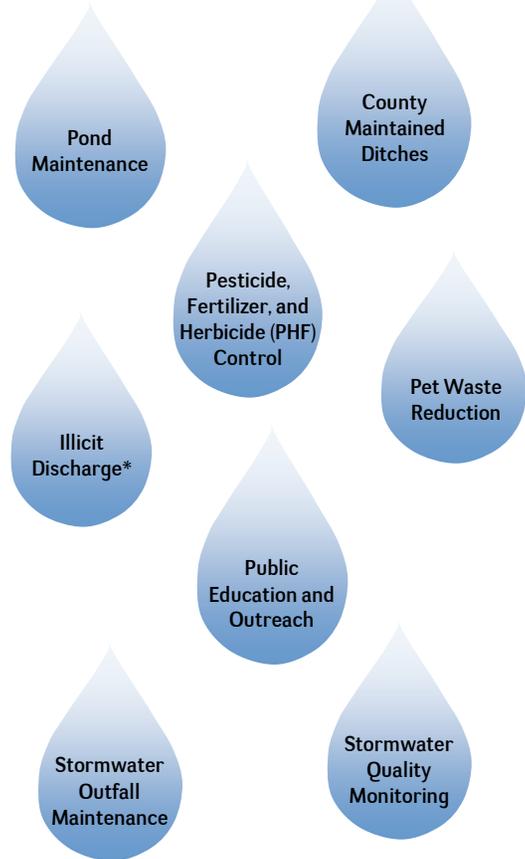
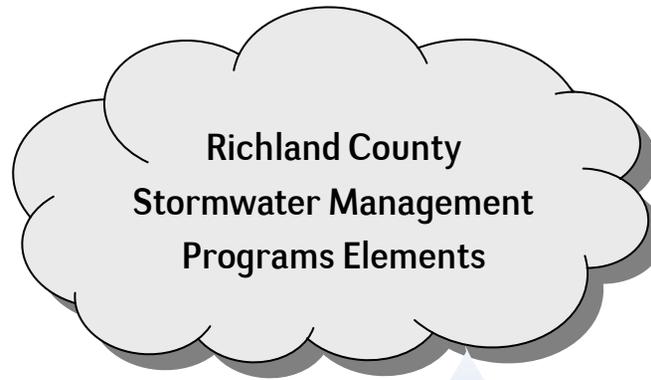
On paved surfaces, the runoff flows into storm drains that release water into a nearby surface water body, such as a river or lake.



As it flows, surface runoff picks up and carries pollution on the ground. The more pollution on the ground, the more pollution carried to our ponds, streams, lakes, and rivers.



That pollution affects the aquatic life and our ability to use the water for recreational and industrial purposes.



**includes Illicit Discharge and Improper Disposal (IDID) and Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination (IDDE) Programs*

Stormwater Management is a division of the Public Works Department. More information on each of our programs can be found in our brochures and on our website.

Want to help improve stormwater quality in your neighborhood?

Challenge yourself to do at least one of these activities every month:

- ✓ Pick up after your pet and properly discard waste
- ✓ Bag or compost all lawn clippings and yard waste
- ✓ Cover any bare soil with plants or gravel
- ✓ Use a recycling facility, such as GOFER, for used oil disposal. More info at <http://scgofer.com>
- ✓ Refrain from using too much fertilizer
- ✓ Maintain all automotive equipment
- ✓ Pick up trash in your yard
- ✓ Refrain from pouring household chemicals down storm drains
- ✓ Place cigarette butts in a proper receptacle and not on the ground
- ✓ Tell a friend or neighbor how stormwater affects everyone

Or for a long-term impact, you can

Install a rain barrel

Build a rain garden

Adopt a waterway

Join your neighborhood watershed association



When it rains, it all gets washed down storm drains

Help us help you...