



Dear Resident:

As stormwater flows over driveways, lawns, and sidewalks it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. Stormwater can flow into a drainage system or directly to a lake, stream, river, or wetland. Anything that enters a drainage system is discharged untreated into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water. Polluted runoff is the nation's greatest threat to clean water.

By practicing healthy household habits, homeowners can keep common pollutants like pesticides, pet waste, grass clippings, and automotive fluids off the ground and out of stormwater. Adopt the healthy household habits listed on the attached bookmark and help protect lakes, streams, rivers, and wetlands.

If you notice signs of stormwater pollution, please contact the County, City, Town, or Village using one of the phone numbers listed below.

Sincerely,

DeKalb County

County	815-895-7188	Villages:	
Cities:		Hinckley	815-286-3836
DeKalb	815-748-2030	Kingston.....	815-784-5572
Sandwich	815-786-9321	Kirkland	815-522-6179
Sycamore	815-895-4557	Lee	815-824-2323
Town of Cortland	815-756-9041	Malta	815-825-2330
		Maple Park	815-827-3309
		Shabbona.....	815-824-2127
		Somonauk.....	815-498-3500
		Waterman.....	815-264-3652

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10 Things You Can Do to Prevent Stormwater Runoff Pollution

- Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks, and roads
- Never dump anything down storm drains
- Vegetate bare spots in your yard
- Compost your yard waste
- Avoid pesticides; learn about Integrated Pest Management (IPM)
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces
- Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway
- Check car for leaks, and recycle motor oil
- Pick up after your pet
- Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected regularly

United States Environmental Protection Agency
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 For more information, visit www.epa.gov/nps or www.epa.gov/npsdes/stormwater