

Stopping Storm Water Pollution

Never dump in or near a gutter.

Don't throw trash in the street.

Sweep your sidewalks instead of hosing them.

Clean up after your pets.

Report illegal dumping.

Recycle used motor oil.

Make sure your car doesn't drip fluids.

Wash cars on your lawn or other unpaved surface or use a commercial car wash.

Properly dispose of Household Hazardous Wastes.

Use environmentally friendly pest controls.

Use a mulching mower and leave grass clippings on the lawn.

Use less fertilizer on lawns.

Remind others to do the same.

Join your Gutter Patrol.

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Storm Water Management Program

Volunteer Gutter Patrol

Storm Water Inlet Marking Program



www.baytown.org/public/stormwater

Help us protect our creeks and bayous.

Did you know that every day tens of millions of gallons of polluted runoff end up in local coastal waters from neighborhoods like yours? That's because everything that is dumped, swept or washed into the gutter goes into catch basins—the curbside openings to the storm drain system. And, unlike the sewer system, *everything in the storm drain system goes directly to the ocean, untreated!* All the motor oil and antifreeze that drips from cars, plus all the pet droppings, yard clippings and other trash that is thrown directly into the street. It all ends up in the same place.



What can you do to help? **Join the Baytown Gutter Patrol.** Teams of volunteers are needed now to mark catch basins

with warning symbols. These catch basins also need to be checked so they are kept clean. We are doing all we can, but we need your help. So get some friends together and join your neighborhood Gutter Patrol. Because when you clean up

How to Volunteer

You can start a Gutter Patrol Team for your neighborhood or join an existing one. Just call 281-420-5384 or email us at health@baytown.org to start. We will provide you with everything you need to mark and clean storm drains in your neighborhood.

How the Program Works

The Storm Water Division will provide you with a storm water inlet marking tool kit which includes a wire brush, latex gloves, a dust pan and whisk broom, storm water



inlet markers, adhesive tubes, caulking gun, storm drain maps, directions for application and brochures. You can choose which neighborhoods you mark and when you will conduct the activ-

ity. Be sure to pass out the brochures provided to anyone interested in what you are doing. Once you are finished, simply return the unused markers, adhesive and tool kit to the Storm Water Division, along with your storm drain maps indicating which storm drains were marked. The Storm Water Division will track the number of storm drains marked and keep a running total on the website at www.baytown.org/public/stormwater.

How to Patrol Your Gutter

After you have installed the storm drain markers, occasionally check the placement of the markers to ensure that they have not been damaged or removed. Also watch for any blocked or damaged



drains, or obvious signs of illegal dumping (used motor oil, paint, grass clippings/leaves, etc.). If signs of illegal dumping are present, contact the

Storm Water Division at 281-420-5384.

What else is the City doing?

The City of Baytown has developed a comprehensive Storm Water Management Program that consists of six minimum control measures that, when implemented together, are expected to reduce storm water pollution prevention. These include public education, public involvement, illicit discharge detection and elimination, new construction and redevelopment site pollution prevention and good housekeeping measures for City operations. These efforts will preserve water quality in our local creeks, bays and bayous. For more information visit www.baytown.org/public/stormwater.

Remember: Only Rain Down the Storm Drain