

## Local Pollution Control Agencies

West Valley City Public Works Department  
(801) 963-3448

Utah Division of Water Quality  
(801) 536-4300

Salt Lake County Health Department  
(385) 468-3862

State of Utah Environmental Response  
(801) 536-4123



**Put Used Oil  
in Its Place!**

**1-800-458-0145**

### Used Oil Recycling

For do-it-yourselfers,  
check with your favorite auto parts store to  
ask if they provide used oil recycling services.

For more information about the  
West Valley City Storm Water Utility, contact  
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## Storm Water



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## Storm Water

# West Valley City Storm Water Pollution Solutions

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Polluted storm water runoff is  
the biggest source of water  
pollution, but you can make  
a difference! Polluted storm  
water flows directly into local  
creeks and waterways; where  
we fish, where we swim, and  
what we drink!

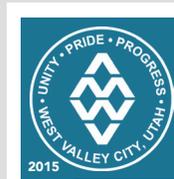


WEST VALLEY CITY  
Public Works Department  
Storm Water Utility

**To Report  
Spills & Illegal  
Dumping Call:  
(801) 509-2005**



We All Live Downstream  
stormwatercoalition.org



## What can you do to help?

- Never use the gutter or storm drain system to dispose of household waste.
- Vehicles should be washed at a commercial car wash whenever possible. If you choose to wash your car at home, wash your car on the lawn using a biodegradable soap to help reduce dirty water from flowing into the storm drain system.
- Collect lawn and garden clippings, pruning waste and tree trimmings. Do not use the gutter for disposal of organic waste.
- Apply fertilizers and pesticides according to manufacturers instructions. Do not over apply. Sweep up and apply any excess back onto the area intended.
- Flush pet waste down the toilet or bag the waste and put it in the trash.
- Do not wash debris into the street. Do not wash tools and equipment in driveways, gutters or drainage-ways. Wash over grass or soil areas where wash water won't reach the street.
- Sweep up dust and paint chips from sanding or stripping projects and place them in the trash. Use water based or latex paints whenever possible.



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- Store toxic products and chemicals indoors or in a shed or storage cabinet.
- Take unwanted hazardous materials and containers to the household hazardous waste disposal facility. Call (385) 468-3862 for more information.
- Take used motor oil and antifreeze to a recycling center or to a household hazardous waste facility. Do not mix with other materials.
- Do not discharge pool or spa water into the street or storm drains.

## Did You Know?

- Recycling used oil could reduce national petroleum imports by 25.5 million barrels per year.
- About 75 percent of the Earth's surface is covered with water, but less than 1 percent of it is fresh water available for human use.
- With 13 inches of average annual precipitation, Utah is the second driest state in the nation ... but has the second highest per capita water use.
- Half of the water Salt Lake County residents consume is used for lawns and gardens.
- The average household generates up to 20 pounds of hazardous waste a year.
- It is illegal to dump household hazardous waste into gutters or down storm drains.
- One pint of oil can produce a one-acre slick on a water surface and can contaminate 250,000 gallons of water.

## Why is storm water quality important?

In the Salt Lake Valley, storm water flows through storm drains directly to local creeks and rivers with NO TREATMENT.

Storm water quality can be affected by a number of natural elements that can degrade storm water quality, including dirt, leaves and grass clippings, over fertilization, herbicide and pesticide runoff, soap from washing your car, paint, household cleaners, used oil, antifreeze and even a slow oil leak from your car.

Local recreation areas are affected by storm water contamination. These areas include Sugarhouse Park Pond, Red Butte Gardens, Big Cottonwood Creek, Jordan River Parkway, Dimple Dell Park, Dry Creek, Lake Park and Decker Lake among others.

There are two underground systems throughout the city, one treated and the other untreated. It is important that citizens of West Valley City understand that storm water does NOT end up in the sewer, but travels directly into our local waterways.

