

City of Cañon City  
Stormwater Program

## Stormwater Management Program News



Community Edition

# STORMWATER HOTLINE

## 276-5265

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IF YOU WITNESS AN ILLICIT DISCHARGE OCCURRING!

REMEMBER: NOTHING BUT RAIN IN THE DRAIN!

### New Stormwater Regulations!

As of November 1st 2006, new Stormwater Runoff regulations affecting the construction of single family homes will go into effect. In the past, erosion and sediment controls were required during the development of larger construction projects which disturbed more than 1 acre. Those same erosion and sediment control regulations are now also required during construction of single-family homes *if part of a larger development.*

A Drainage, Erosion and Sediment Control (DESC) permit now must be obtained from the City of Cañon City in conjunction with a building permit and will describe the installation and maintenance of the sediment and erosion controls which will be utilized to manage runoff throughout construction activity.

For more information regarding these requirements or assistance completing the DESC permit application, please contact the Stormwater Program at 276-5265

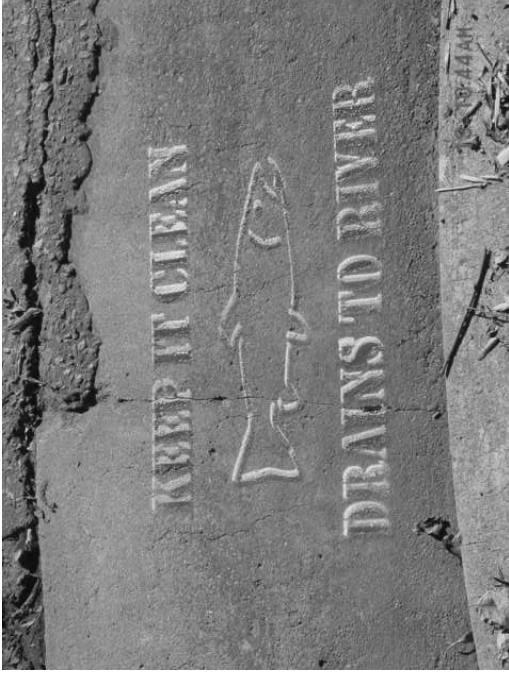
## THE CITY OF CAÑON CITY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM MISSION IS TO PROTECT THE WATER QUALITY OF THE ARKANSAS RIVER FROM POLLUTANTS FOUND IN URBAN STORMWATER RUNOFF

### **Stormwater Graffiti! Garden Park HS Students— Spray Paint, Concrete, & Community Action**

In late October, twenty-four Garden Park High School Students used spray paint to make a statement throughout Cañon City. Not the usual offensive graffiti however. It was a message to remind the community to be aware that what finds its way into the stormdrain system ultimately ends up in the Arkansas River.

In a project sponsored by the City, over 200 stormdrains were spray painted using stencils with the message “*Keep It Clean—Drains To River*”.

The students learned about the adverse impacts of improper disposal of many household and commercial products could potentially have on the River. It was their hope that the visual reminder will prompt the citizens of Cañon City to better manage how they handle waste. The goal is to avoid the discharge of pollutants into the Arkansas River and maintain good water quality.



Some other types of pollutants that can find their way into the storm drain include pet waste and sediment. Sediment considered the number one pollutant source. Nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus from lawn and garden care also are major contributors to degraded water quality. These pollutants also find their way into local streams and rivers through the stormwater drainage system.

As a component of its Stormwater Program, the City of Cañon City will soon institute an Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination program which will allow City Staff to track down the sources of pollutants being discharged into the stormdrain system and then remove those sources.

The City values contributions such as those made by the Garden Park Students which help meet the mission of the Stormwater Program.

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### **Pollutant Discharge Types**

Pollutant discharges are composed of several possible flow sources:

- *Sewage and septage* flows are produced from sewer pipes and septic systems.
- *Washwater* flows are generated from a wide variety of activities and operations. Examples include discharges of gray water (laundry) from homes, commercial carwash wastewater, fleet washing, commercial laundry wastewater, and floor washing to shop drains.
- *Liquid wastes* include a wide variety of flows, such as oil, paint, and process water (radiator flushing and water, plating bath wastewater, etc.) that enter the storm drain system.