

PooFacts

Pet waste is more than smelly and unsightly- it is a health risk to pets, bodies of water, and people, especially children.

Pet waste left on trails, sidewalks, streets, and grassy areas is flushed into the nearest waterway when it rains. Even if you can't see water near you, the feces go into your stormdrain where, in most

Did you know that an average-sized dog dropping produces

cases, it travels to your neighborhood creek or lake untreated.

Like human waste, animal waste may contain harmful bacteria and viruses, rendering the water unfit for irrigation, recreation, or other uses. In addition, pet waste contains nutrients that will accelerate the growth of nuisance algae.

Roundworms, *E. coli*, and *Giardia* are just a few of the many harmful microorganisms that can be transmitted

**PET WASTE IS
RAW SEWAGE—
PICK IT UP!**

City of Cañon City
Engineering Department

Stormwater Management Program News



Community Edition

STORMWATER HOTLINE

276-5265

CALL THIS NUMBER TO REPORT AN ILLEGAL DISCHARGE!

City Ordinance Prohibits Illicit Discharges

Illegal Discharge: is defined as any direct or indirect discharge other than stormwater into the City's Storm Sewer System, including gutters!.

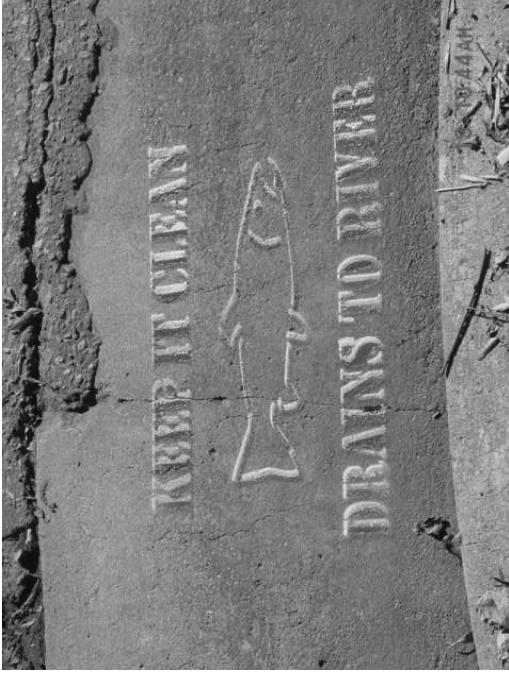
THE CITY OF CAÑON CITY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM MISSION IS TO PROTECT THE WATER QUALITY OF THE ARKANSAS RIVER FROM POLLUTANTS FOUND IN URBAN STORMWATER RUNOFF

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 100 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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If You Witness an Illicit Discharge Occurring!
Remember: Nothing but Rain in the Drain!

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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 water, plating bath wastewater, etc.) that enter the storm drain system.