



# WHEN IT RAINS, IT DRAINS IT ALL HAS TO GO SOMEWHERE

Water from inside our homes goes to a wastewater facility for purification. But water from roofs, streets, and outdoor spigots goes untreated directly into storm drains - straight to our waterways - picking up all kinds of contaminants along the way!



### DID YOU KNOW

Excess nutrients, specifically nitrogen and phosphorus, pollute stormwater run-off from urban areas, contributing to the **third greatest cause of lake deterioration** in the United States.

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The amount of phosphorus in grass clippings from mowing your lawn just once can produce up to **100 pounds** of unwanted algae if it ends up in our lakes and ponds.

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Leaf "litter" and landscape trash account for 56% of phosphorus in urban stormwater, not to mention clogging storm drains, causing potential flooding and increasing debris in our waterways.

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Just one pound of fertilizer over-application on the average lawn can equate to **34.2 pounds** of excess algae growth in streams and lakes.

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When you wash your car in the driveway, you're washing about **120 gallons** of grime-filled water downstream. The soap, together with the dirt, grease, and grime flows untreated into nearby storm drains that run into lakes and streams.

### DID YOU KNOW

If dog owners don't clean up after their pooches, **390 million pounds** of poop can wash into our waterways every year in just Colorado! Dog waste contains 10% phosphates and 2% nitrates, contributing to algae growth.



Check these common mosquito development sources  
in your front and back yards for water.

Yard drains



Potted plant saucers



Plant cuttings



Pet dish



Containers



Yard art/figurines



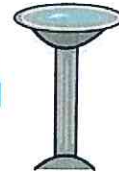
Outside toys



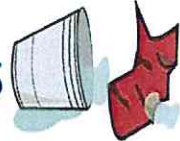
Buckets



Bird bath



Trash/recyclables



Used cans



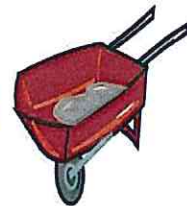
Tires



Kiddie pool



Wheelbarrow



*If water or mosquito development is found: dump, drain or discard.*