

# WHEN IT RAINS, IT DRAINS!

When we use water in our homes, it goes down the drain and gets treated at a treatment plant before being released into the environment. But when water goes down storm drains, it flows directly to rivers and streams, carrying pollutants with it.

Your lawn may be a source of water pollution! Keep these things in mind when maintaining lawns and gardens:



## FERTILIZERS & PESTICIDES

- Kill plants and good bacteria if they enter rivers & streams.
- Only apply them when it's not going to rain! Minimize use when you can.



## YARD WASTE

- Clogs and floods storm drains.
- Nutrients can cause algal blooms.
- Rake, bag, and dispose of yard waste and other litter!



## PET WASTE

- May contain E. coli and other pathogens, which can cause health problems for humans and other creatures.
- Bag it up and throw it away!

## Notice an issue? Let us know!

**Report Non-Stormwater Illicit Discharges:**  
City of Youngstown | Public Works Department  
26 S Phelps St Ste 5A, Youngstown  
330-742-8800

**Report Stormwater and Other Concerns:**  
City of Youngstown See Click Fix  
<https://youngstownohio.gov/seeclickfix>