

PREVENT...



Help protect our water resources.

As our community continues to grow, we have an obligation to keep our lakes and streams clean. The City's Stormwater Pollution Control Ordinance protects your health, safety, and property values. It also helps meet requirements of the Clean Water Act.



Resources

Get the full ordinance:
[www.wentzvillemo.org/
Ordinance No. 3096.pdf](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/Ordinance%20No.%203096.pdf)

Stormwater Department
(636) 327-5102
[www.wentzvillemo.org/
stormwater.aspx](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/stormwater.aspx)

What You Can Do
[http://water.epa.gov/
polwaste/nps/whatudo.cfm](http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/nps/whatudo.cfm)

Report Pollution

(636) 639-2121
[customerservice@
wentzvillemo.org](mailto:customerservice@wentzvillemo.org)

For an emergency after business hours, call the Dept. of Natural Resources Emergency Response Hotline at 573-634-2436.

Frequently Asked Questions

- **How does it impact my home or business?**

The Stormwater Pollution Control Ordinance protects health, safety, and property values by reducing pollution and improving aesthetics. If the City receives a concern and a violation is found, the responsible party will be required to control, remove, and prevent pollution. If you have indoor drains that are connected to the storm sewer system, they will need to be removed and drained to the sanitary system.

- **What's prohibited?**

Pollutants such as trash, auto fluids, paint, soap, animal waste and excessive yard waste and mud are not allowed to get in storm drains or in waterways. Connections from indoor drains and sinks to the City's storm sewers are also prohibited. Properties near streams must also be maintained to ensure the beneficial use, function, and physical integrity of the watercourse.

- **Why is this needed?**

This ordinance is required by the Clean Water Act under the City's Municipal Storm Sewer Permit.

- **Are there exceptions?**

The following discharges are exempt: groundwater, foundation drains, landscaping irrigation, non-commercial or charity car washing, de-chlorinated swimming pool water, and runoff from streets or parking lots, as long as surfaces are routinely cleaned.

- **What if I have a violation?**

Please don't ignore it. It is your responsibility to contain and clean up any material that may cause stormwater pollution. Block off storm drains and use absorbents to soak it up minor spills. Sweep up pollutants, never hose them down. For hazardous material, call 911 immediately. City staff is happy to work with you to resolve any issues. Repair of violations will help maintain a clean, safe, and desirable community for everyone. Please call (636) 332-5102 for questions or more info.

- **Can I wash my car in my driveway?**

Yes. We recommend biodegradable car wash soap (available at most local retail outlets). It's best to wash your car on grass or gravel, or use a commercial carwash where the wastewater gets treated.

- **What about grass clippings and leaves?**

Yard waste can be a violation if excessive amounts or bags are dumped in storm drains or along stream banks. This can cause flooding or degrade our streams by lowering oxygen in the water or causing stream bank erosion. Save time and money—mulching reduces the need to fertilize and water!



CH₂OOSE...only rain should go down storm drains!