

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

What You Can Do
<http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/nps/whatudo.cfm>

Report Pollution

(636) 639-2121
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 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 by the ordinance?

Pollutants such as trash, auto fluids, paint, soap, 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 be maintained to ensure the beneficial use, function, and physical integrity of the watercourse. The City is happy to work with you to resolve any issues.

• Why is it needed?

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

• Are there exceptions?

Yes: groundwater, foundation drains, landscaping irrigation, non-commercial or charity car washing, and runoff from streets or parking lots (as long as surfaces are routinely cleaned) are exempt.

• What if we have a violation or spill?

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. Non-hazardous spills that violate state water quality standards must be reported to the City by the next day. Within three days, the owner or operator must also submit a written record of the discharge and actions taken to prevent its recurrence. Please remember, repair of violations will help maintain a clean, safe, and desirable community for everyone.

• What about grass clippings and leaves?

Yard waste can be a violation if excessive amounts get in storm drains or creeks. This can cause flooding or degrade streams by lowering oxygen in the water or causing bank erosion. Save time and money by mulching, with grass blown away from storm drains. Mulching reduces the need to fertilize and water!

• What resources can the City provide?

The City is happy to provide resources to help train your employees. We can also offer free technical assistance to identify potential prohibited connections and low cost pollution prevention and spill cleanup supplies. Please call (636) 332-5102 for details.



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