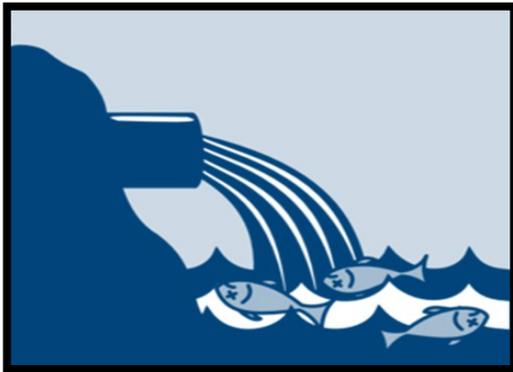


Stormwater

Stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation flows over the ground to a lake, stream, or river. Impervious surfaces such as driveways, parking lots, and buildings prevent storm water from naturally soaking into the ground.

Foreign substances, such as debris and chemicals, are dissolved in water at the surface and transported with stormwater into streams, rivers, and other water bodies, causing pollution.



The following are examples of potential sources of stormwater pollution in your community.

- Lawn chemicals can add fertilizers and herbicides to stormwater.
- Oil stains on your driveway can be washed into stormwater.
- Yard wastes
- Any chemicals left outdoors and exposed to storm water have the potential to pollute it.

For More Information:

View the City's Website:

<https://www.cityofhobart.org/131/Sanitary-Stormwater-District>

For more information on the MS4 Program and storm water, view the [MS4](#) site.

For other services, provided by the City, view the [Public Works](#) site.

To report an
illicit discharge:
**CALL THE HOBART
SANITARY & STORM-
WATER DISTRICT
219-942-3619**

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**Grass
Clippings:
A Stormwater
Pollutant**

KEEP GRASS CLIPPINGS OFF THE STREETS!

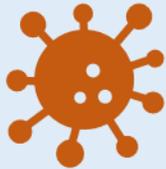


Clippings act as a natural mulch which helps conserve soil moisture (and your wallet) preventing your lawn from draught and stress.



Keeping grass clipping in your lawn recycles nutrients your lawn needs to stay healthy.

Sweeping or blowing your clippings in to the street or storm drain can cause...



BACTERIA GROWTH in creeks and streams



FINES — It is **ILLEGAL** to allow clippings into the storm water system



The storm water system clogs which may lead to **FLOODING**.



Grass causes motorcycles to loose traction and causes **ACCIDENTS**



Chemical runoff from **PESTICIDES AND FERTILIZERS** lead to algae blooms and limited recreation

Why is Yard Waste Bad for Storm Drains?

Blowing grass clippings into the street every now and then may not seem like a big deal, but as it continues to occur, the grass clippings and all other yard waste materials can build up in storm water drains. This causes negative side effects in the community, such as:

- Clogged drains which leads to flooding of streets, homes, and businesses.
- Large city expenses to clear storm drains.
- Harm towards plants and animals.
- Contamination of local streams, rivers, and lakes.
- Excess nutrients in water sources which leads to algae blooms

Alternative options for yard waste:

- Take yard waste to Hobart Public Works at 1840 E. State Rd 130.
- Leave grass clippings to decompose.
- Compost waste and use it to supply nutrients to your garden.

How is it Illegal?

An illicit discharge is considered any discharge to a conveyance that is not composed entirely of stormwater. This includes yard waste which may consist of weeds, leaves, grass clippings, excess pesticide and fertilizers, dirt, and dead flowers. These objects can be carried away by stormwater.

During drainage system inspections, if an illicit discharge or connection is detected in the system, the person guilty of the discharge may end up under enforcement.

The [Chapter 152: Stormwater Management](#) ordinance is available on the City's website.

Report illicit discharges to the Hobart Sanitary & Stormwater District at 219-942-3619.

