

STORMWATER SMART PARKING LOTS



When water from rain, snow, or sleet flows over the ground, it's called "stormwater." Stormwater can pick up litter and oil from vehicles in your parking lot. And when that stormwater flows into street gutters, storm drains, and downstream, it can pollute rivers, lakes, and streams. Follow these simple pollution solutions to help keep local waterways clean and healthy!



CONTAIN THE RAIN

Add plants and incorporate green infrastructure, such rain gardens, permeable pavement, and trees, to help soak stormwater into the ground where it falls.



MOP IT UP

Use special oil-absorbing towels or other materials to clean up oil and fluid leaks from cars and dispose of them properly.



CUT BACK ON SALT

A little salt goes a long way. Don't put too much on parking lots and sidewalks. Never salt hard surfaces if rain is in the forecast, or if temperatures aren't going to freeze.



LOSE THE LITTER

Always keep parking lots free from litter and debris. Trash can clog drains and contaminate water.