

The North Texas Tollway Authority

takes the prevention of storm water pollution seriously!



What is Storm Water?

Storm water is precipitation in the form of rainfall, snow or ice melt that drains from streets, highways and yes, toll roads through local storm drain systems and then into lakes, rivers and streams. As it travels overland and through storm drain systems, it becomes polluted with various chemicals, substances and debris, including:

- Food wrappers
- Aluminum cans
- Motor oil
- Pesticides/herbicides
- Cigarette butts
- Styrofoam/paper cups
- Fuels
- Fertilizer
- Yard waste
- Plastic bottles
- Antifreeze
- Construction debris

Storm water pollution can be prevented!

At the NTTA, we're doing our part by:

- Utilizing SmartScaping techniques, such as planting native plants that don't need a lot of water.
- Maintaining 100% turf coverage because covering all open areas results in less erosion.
- Using limited amounts of herbicide and pesticide. In the near future, the NTTA will use Integrated Pest Management techniques... an even more environmentally friendly way to control pests and weeds by using natural predators (e.g., insects that eat other insects and insect growth regulators).
- Conducting roadway maintenance including sweeping, litter pick up and landscape maintenance.
- Performing routine maintenance of NTTA vehicles and equipment.
- Using a vehicle wash area that drains directly into an oil/water separator; and
- Coordinating immediate accidental spill response and clean up activities.

What you can do?

- Please don't litter.
- Perform routine vehicle maintenance to reduce the chances of leaking fluids.
- Reduce the use of herbicides, pesticides and fertilizers and learn more about environmentally friendly alternatives.
- Incorporate SmartScaping into landscaping plans for your home and business.
- Wash vehicles at home on grassy or unpaved areas using only water and a bio-degradable soap.
- Find out more about how you can prevent storm water pollution, by going online to: <http://www.nctcog.org/envir/SEEclean/stormwater/pubs/brochures.asp>.