# Fort Bend County 50

## FROM YARDS TO STREAMS: PREVENTING STORMWATER CONTAMINATION



#### A Cleaner Environment Starts at Home

Be an environmental steward by responsibly managing waste, practicing smart lawn care, and using pesticides cautiously. Protect local ecosystems and waterways for a healthier community.

#### Keep It Clean: Preventing Trash from Reaching Storm Drains

Trash and litter in residential areas can easily wash into storm drains during rain, polluting our waterways and harming wildlife. Discover simple steps you can take to reduce litter and keep our communities cleaner and greener.



#### **Protecting Our Waterways**

Harmful chemicals from improper pesticide and herbicide use can harm local waterways. These pollutants can disrupt the natural ecosystem and affect recreational activities in the area.



#### Leaves, Grass, and Stormwater Protection

Each year, tons of leaves and grass clippings end up in storm drains, posing a threat to our waterways. As yard waste decomposes, it releases nutrients that promote the growth of harmful algae and aquatic weeds, disrupting the balance of our ecosystems.



#### Scoop the Poop, Save Our Streams

Properly clean up after your pet and use designated receptacles for waste. This prevents contamination of our waterways, keeping our communities cleaner and safer.

#### The Hidden Dangers in Animal Waste

Animal waste contains two main types of pollutants that harm local waters: nutrients and pathogens. When this waste ends up in water bodies, it decomposes, releasing nutrients that cause excessive growth of algae and weeds.

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