

WHEN IT RAINS

Imagine no longer being able to fish, swim or wade through your favorite stream, river or lake. It might surprise you, but many waters in our area are degraded due to polluted stormwater runoff. Each time it rains, the resulting runoff picks up debris such as litter, pesticides, chemicals, fertilizers, motor oil and just plain dirt as it flows across rooftops and lawns, streets and parking lots. The pollutants are deposited, untreated, into our water ways.

The City of Dacula has several ordinances that address these concerns, including a property maintenance ordinance and an erosion and sedimentation ordinance. These along with strict development regulations help limit the potential damage of stormwater runoff. Even with these strict measures, more needs to be done. As the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Georgia Environmental Protection Division pass down increasingly stringent and costly regulations, counties and municipalities will have to rely more and more on citizen help to meet these regulations.



TEN WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- Never dump anything down a storm drain or fill up a drainage ditch.
- Recycle motor oil and other vehicle fluids.
- Throw litter in its place, a trash receptacle.
- Clean up after your pets.
- Repair vehicle leaks.
- Dispose of hazardous wastes at designated locations.
- Compost yard clippings.
- Use fertilizer/pesticides when needed. Consider several lighter applications.
- Wash your car at home on the lawn, not in the driveway.
- Keep curb and gutter adjacent to your property lines clean and free of debris.

Additional information about stormwater and pollutants and how you can help can be found at the Clean Water Campaign web site, www.cleanwatercampaign.com.

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