

How You Can Help Reduce Pollution Entering the Grand River

The City of Kentwood is working to better manage storm water runoff. As a resident of Kentwood, you have the ability to help reduce the amount of pollution entering the storm sewer system and ultimately reaching the Grand River and Lake Michigan.



Storm water runoff entering the storm sewer after a rainstorm.

What is Storm Water Pollution?

When it rains, storm water flows over lawns, streets, and parking lots carrying with it road dirt, fertilizers, oil, and grease into storm drains, which are often located alongside streets and parking lots.

Where do Storm Drains Lead?

Storm drains lead directly to nearby streams and lakes without any type of treatment. Storm water entering storm drains or catch basins in Kentwood ultimately reaches the Grand River and Lake Michigan.

How Can I Help Reduce Storm Water Pollution?

- Never dump grass clippings, vehicle fluids, or anything else down a storm drain/catch basin.
- Avoid fertilizing your lawn before it rains. Use non-phosphorus fertilizers.
- Dispose of pet waste in a trash can.
- Take used motor oil to a quick lube or auto shop.
- Dispose of unwanted paints, solvents, and cleaners at your county collection center.
- Report storm drain dumping to the city's storm water coordinator at (616) 554-0737 or bekej@ci.kentwood.mi.us

