

## What is Storm Water Runoff?

When it rains, storm water flows over lawns, streets, and parking lots. Storm water runoff can carry dirt, fertilizers, and motor oil into storm drains, which are often located alongside streets and parking lots.

## Where do Storm Drains Lead?

Storm drains lead directly to nearby rivers, streams, and lakes without any type of treatment.

## How Can I Help?

- Report anyone dumping anything down a storm drain.
- Take used motor oil to a quick lube or auto shop.
- Dispose of pet waste in a trash can.
- Avoid fertilizing your lawn before it rains.
- Wash your car on your lawn or take it to a commercial car wash.



*Grand River, Grand Haven Harbor*

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# How to Report Water Pollution

## Citizen Report Form

LOWER GRAND RIVER  
ORGANIZATION *of* WATERSHEDS



## If you see anyone dumping anything into a storm drain, REPORT IT.

Any substance, trash, or debris dumped into a storm drain will travel to our streams and lakes, and eventually the Grand River. Motor vehicle fluids, paint, grass clippings, and restaurant wastes should be disposed of properly.

### Violators can be fined.

The Illicit Discharge Ordinance provides legal authority to enforce fines for violations. To report dumping, please fill out this report and return it in one of four ways.

1. E-mail:
2. Phone:
3. Mail  
Name:  
Address:



**Date(s) pollution was observed:**

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**Location pollution was observed  
(address, street, city or township):**

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**Name of person(s) or company involved  
(if known):**

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**Please describe the pollution  
(include photographs if possible):**

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Please remember that all reports are investigated. Inspectors, however, are limited if a report is submitted anonymously as they cannot contact the submitter for more information.

If you would like to remain anonymous, it is highly recommended that you include photographs of the problem with your anonymous report.

**Your contact information (optional):**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Date this report was submitted:**

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☐ Check here to receive a follow-up report.

Grass clippings blown into a storm drain