



“When one tugs at a single thing in nature, he finds it attached to the rest of the world.” — John Muir

When it rains, storm water flows over driveways, lawns, sidewalks, roads and parking lots on its way to the nearest entrance into the storm drain system.

In most cases the storm water system discharges this polluted runoff to the nearest creek, stream or ultimately the river with NO treatment.

This is unlike the water that goes down the toilet or sinks in your home which discharges to the wastewater system for treatment.

According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, polluted storm water runoff is the nation’s greatest threat to clean water.

Storm water pollution is toxic to fish and wetland wildlife.

It threatens all of us who use and enjoy our most valuable resource – WATER!

*Conserving Resources Today For
Redding's Tomorrow.*



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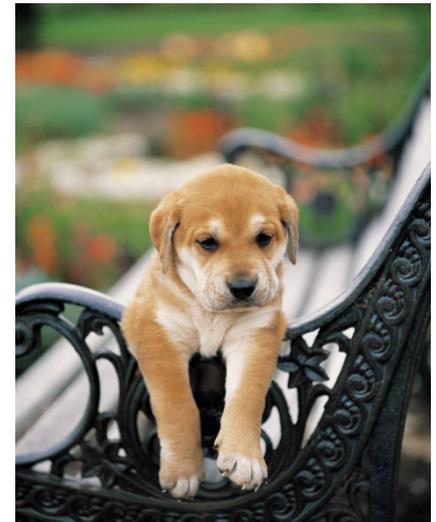
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Redding Municipal Utilities Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program

Storm Water Best Management Practices (BMP'S)

Pet Care

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Clean rivers and healthy creeks are important to the City of Redding.

However, many common activities can lead to water pollution if you are not careful.

Pet waste and pet care products should never be washed into the storm drains that flow to the river, so don't let them enter the storm drains.

Washing your Pets



Never let any pet care products or wash water run off your yard and into the street, gutter or storm drain.

Even biodegradable soaps and shampoos can be harmful to river life and the environment.

If possible, bathe your pets indoors using less-toxic shampoos or have your pet professionally groomed. Follow instructions on the products and clean up spills.

If you bathe your pet outside, wash it on your lawn or another absorbent/permeable surface. This keeps the wash water from running into the street, gutter or storm drain.

Flea Control

Consider using oral or topical flea control products.



If you use flea control products such as shampoos, sprays or collars, make sure to dispose of any unused products at a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center.

City of Redding

Household Hazardous Waste Facility

2255 Abernathy Lane, Redding
(530) 224-6209

Facility Open: Thursday - Saturday
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Picking up after your pet

It's the Law!

Every city has an ordinance requiring you to pick up after your pet. Besides being a nuisance, pet waste can lead to water pollution, even if you live inland. During rainfall, pet waste left outdoors can wash into storm drains. This waste flows directly into our waterways and the river where it can harm human health, stream life and the environment.



As it decomposes, pet waste demands a high level of oxygen from water. This decomposition can contribute to killing river life by reducing the amount of dissolved oxygen available to them.

Have fun with your pets, but please be a responsible pet owner by taking care of them and the environment.

Take a bag with you on walks to pick up after your pet.

Dispose of the waste in the trash or in a toilet.