

WHEN IS STORMWATER A PROBLEM?

Storm water can be a problem when it flows across hard surfaces such as concrete, asphalt pavement, or roofs and picks up pollutants like lawn chemicals, automobile oil and grease, airborne dust and sediment, and pet wastes. These pollutants are then deposited into either the Boise River or our ground water by way of Garden City's storm drain systems.

Many people mistakenly believe household chemicals, oil, paint, or yard waste that enter the storm drain systems are "cleaned up" at a wastewater treatment plant. ***They aren't!!***

WHAT CAN I DO?

You can become familiar with the ordinance requirements. The City of Garden City has a variety of materials available to assist Garden City residents to comply with the ordinance. Please contact us if you would like any of the following information: 472-2930.

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

- Storm Water commercial and Industrial Best Management Practices Handbook
- Storm Water Operation and Maintenance Resource Guide

RESIDENTIAL

- River Care Tips Brochure
- Household Hazardous Waste

NEW DEVELOPMENT

- Storm Water Management Design Manual
- Storm Water Operation and Maintenance Resource Guide
- Storm Water Commercial and Industrial Best Management Practices Handbook
- Storm Water Plant Materials Resource Guide

Improper disposal activities may result in one or more of the following:

- ***A Citation***
- ***Owner responsible for restoration costs***
- ***Possible fines and / or criminal penalties***

MORE INFORMATION

STORM WATER ORDINANCE

Garden City Environmental Dept 375-3794

BOISE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Boise Public Works 384-3901

EMERGENCY SPILL RESPONSE

North Ada County Fire & Rescue 911
OR
Idaho Communication Ctr 1-800-632-8000

REPORT A STORM WATER PROBLEM

STORM WATER COMPLAINTS

Storm Water Hotline 395-8888

PUBLIC STREETS AND ALLEYS

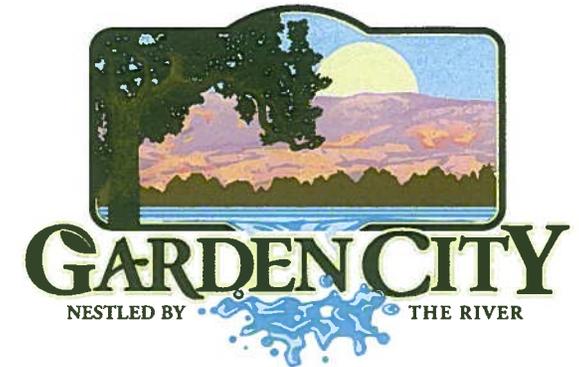
Ada County Highway District 387-6100

BOISE RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES

Idaho Dept. of Environmental
Quality Boise Regional Office 373-0550

PRIVATE / COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Garden City Environmental Dept 375-3194



Storm Water Ordinance Brochure

(City of Garden City Storm Water Management and Discharge Control Ordinance, Title 4, Chapter 14)

The City of Garden City storm water ordinance regulates and prohibits any discharges into streets or drainage facilities that are not composed entirely of storm water.

**What is a
“Storm Water System?”**

A storm water system is where the water goes when it rains or drains. All paved surfaces are part of a storm water system regardless of whether it's a street, an alley, a sidewalk, a gutter or a parking lot. Storm water eventually evaporates, enters streams and rivers, or infiltrates into the ground.

**PURPOSE AND INTENT
OF THE STORMWATER ORDINANCE**

- Protect and enhance the water quality of our watercourses, water bodies, ground water and wetlands;
- Control discharge and reduce water pollution;
- Provide minimum design and construction criteria for permanent and temporary storm water management facilities; and,
- Prevent the degradation of ground water quality.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Use all reasonable measures to prevent litter, waste, oil, grease and other pollutants from entering storm water systems;
- Maintain pavement, sidewalks, parking lots, gas stations and paved private streets or roads to prevent pollutants from entering storm water systems;
- Store grease, oil, and hazardous substances to prevent leaks and spills from entering storm water systems;
- Contain and clean up any spill that may enter storm water systems; and,
- If a spill has occurred, the responsible party is to notify Garden City Environmental Manager by the next business day at 375-3194.

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PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

The following activities pollute storm water and are not allowed:

- Dumping chemicals or substances into storm water systems;
- Sweeping or blowing litter, grass, leaves or dirt into storm water systems;
- Allowing dumpsters or other solid waste containers to leak into a street, alley sidewalk, or storm water systems;
- Establishing, using, or maintaining illicit connections to storm water systems;
- Draining chlorinated swimming pool water into storm water systems;
- Allowing paved surfaces to accumulate litter, oil, grease, and other materials so that pollutants are discharged into storm water systems; and,
- Storing grease, oil, or other hazardous substances so that pollutants are discharged into storm water systems.

**NEW DEVELOPMENT AND
RE-DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS**

REQUIRED:

- Develop a storm water management plan to control the quality, volume and rate of storm water runoff;
- Remove total suspended solids prior to discharging runoff off-site.
- Submit plans to be approved by the City of Garden City;
- Maintain and repair all private storm water systems consistent with an approved Operation and Maintenance Plan.

PROHIBITED:

- Directly discharging untreated storm water, either on or off-site;
- Discharging runoff at a flow rate that exceeds the flow rate before development; and,
- Discharging or dumping chemicals, waste, oil, grease or other pollutants into a storm water system.

ALLOWED ACTIVITIES

The following sources are exempt from this ordinance and are “ALLOWED DISCHARGES” which may enter into the storm water systems ... when properly managed.

- Non-profit vehicle washing.
- Water line and potable water flushing or discharges.
- Lawn or landscape irrigation.
- Irrigation water, diverted stream flows, springs, rising ground water, ground water infiltration.
- Uncontaminated pumped ground water.
- Foundation, footing or roof drains, water from crawl space pumping or residential air conditioning.

When it rains, It drains...

**Right into the river &
our ground water.**