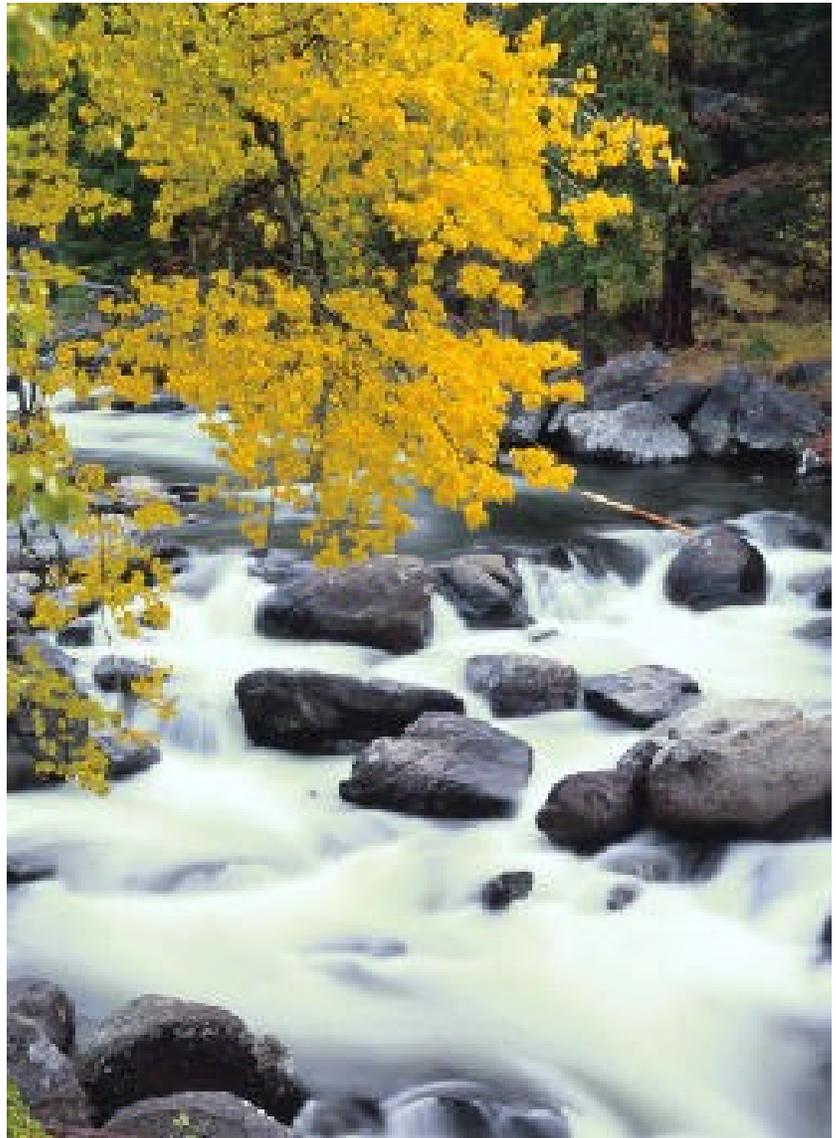




Healthier Living with Storm Water Management

When it rains it pours; rainwater falls onto rooftops, pavement, and lawns and then pours into storm drains and creeks. This storm water often washes a variety of pollutants into our local streams and tributaries. The quality of Clayton County's rivers and streams has improved over the last twenty years thanks in part to the efforts of the Clayton County Water Authority to remove wastewater discharges from local streams. Local streams, like the Flint River and Big Cotton Indian Creek are still threatened by pollution primarily from storm water run-off. When it rains on our roads, yards and businesses; dirt, oil, fertilizers and other chemicals are washed into our streams. These pollutants make it harder to purify the water for drinking and difficult for aquatic organisms and fish to survive in these streams. The Clayton County Department of Transportation and Development is working with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and the Environmental Protection Division (EPD), to improve the quality of storm water run-off in Clayton County. The EPD issued Stormwater permits to Clayton County and its Cities along with other large urban governments of Metro Atlanta. These permits require local governments to take steps to protect storm water quality. This can include collecting and analyzing storm water samples, mapping the County's storm sewer system and working with businesses and homeowners to keep pollutants out of storm water run-off. There are a variety of ways the public can





help protect storm water quality. If you work with a business that uses or handles raw materials and chemicals, keeping these areas covered will prevent rain from washing these elements into storm water drains or creeks. Developers can help by installing and maintaining appropriate erosion control measures at construction sites. Homeowners can help by not over applying fertilizers or pesticides or finding safer alternatives to these chemicals. You should also safely dispose of any unused chemicals or containers. Do-it-yourselfers should recycle waste products such as used motor oil and anti-freeze rather than dumping it in a storm drain or back yard.



RECYCLE

DO NOT DUMP IN THE STREAMS

Open storm drains along County streets carry storm water directly to a local stream. Anything dumped in gutters or storm drains pollute our streams.

Questions - Anyone who has questions about keeping Storm Water clean should call the Clayton County Department of Transportation and Development at 770-477-3681 and ask for our Storm Water Engineer.