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SPRING LAWCARE TIPS

The snow has finally melted, and spring rains are here. All that runoff traveling down streets and alleys is headed into storm sewers, then directly to our lakes and rivers.

Here's How to keep Spring Runoff Clean:

- Remove pet waste and trash from streets, sidewalks and driveways. Double bag and put in garbage;
- Sweep up sand and reuse it next year;
- Clean the street gutters in front of your home. Put leaves in your compost pile, or bag them for collection with other yard waste; and
- Direct water from your downspouts away from your house and paved surfaces, and onto your lawn.

Here's How to Restore Your Lawn:

- Remove yard debris and prepare it for yard collection as directed by your hauler;
- In spring or fall, reseed bare spots. (If spots are caused by salt, reseed with a salt-tolerant grass mix available at a lawn and garden center); and
- Keep newly seeded areas moist for 3 or 4 weeks.

Here's How to Keep Lawn Care Products Out Of Your Runoff:

- Always read and follow label directions when using lawn care products and disposing of their containers;
- Don't apply lawn care products until the grass starts growing; and
- Sweep up and reuse any lawn care products that fall on streets, sidewalks and driveways.



Polluted runoff: Headed to a lake near you!