

Protect our lake, rivers, streams & Puget Sound

Whatever goes into a storm drain flows into our waterways. Storm drains are not sanitary sewers and the water does not go to a sewage treatment plant.

Only rain down the storm drain!

You can help protect Redmond's waterways by:

1. Using fertilizers and pesticides sparingly (if at all) and using compost to promote healthy soil and plants.
2. Using a commercial car wash instead of washing your car on the street or on your driveway.
3. Cleaning up after your pet by scooping the poop, bagging it, and throwing it in the trash.
4. Maintaining your car in order to keep oil, anti-freeze and other leaking automobile fluids off the street and out of the storm drain.

Report spills and dumping into storm drains. Call the Redmond Spill Hotline

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Understanding Your Private Residential Stormwater System & City Inspection Effort



Questions & Answers about Private Stormwater Systems

What is a stormwater system?

- Stormwater is rain or snow that falls onto hard surfaces such as roofs or driveways and then flows into ponds, ditches, stormwater vaults, or storm drains (the drains you see on the street). This stormwater system is where sediment, rocks, debris, and some pollutants naturally filter out of the water. None of the stormwater goes to a treatment plant.
- All of the untreated stormwater eventually drains into our creeks, streams, rivers and lakes, or filters into our groundwater.



Why is the city inspecting private stormwater systems?

- Maintenance of private stormwater systems is required by the Department of Ecology National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Phase II- NPDES.
- City of Redmond Municipal Code 13.06 also requires private stormwater system maintenance to meet state and federal regulations of the Clean Water Act.

What kind of access to my property will the city need?

Most storm systems are in private roads, driveways or private drainage tracts. A few structures may be in between homes or in yards. We will not need access to your home.

What type of information will the city need?

Many residential stormwater systems belong to a homeowners association, or are held in "common interest" for all property owners in the development. The city would prefer to work with one representative within each development for coordinating inspections, and other communications.

If you are the HOA president, property manager, or owner who represents all affected property owners, please contact us at 556.2865 and provide us with your contact information.



Catch Basin



Driveway Culvert & Drainage Ditch



Stormwater Pond