

What is Stormwater?



Stormwater is water that runs off after it rains. Some of this water sinks into the ground, but much of it flows across lawns, sidewalks, streets, and parking lots through the storm drain system.

The storm drain system, called a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) is designed to prevent flooding and transports rainwater that falls in communities through storm sewer drains separate from the sanitary sewer.

NO illegal dumping!

It is illegal to throw trash in washes, canals, and storm drains.

Illegal dumping can cause stormwater pollution and clog storm drains, which can result in flooding. It can also be harmful to people, pets, and wildlife.



For more information:

City of Goodyear

623-932-3010, option 3

www.goodyearaz.gov/stormwater

Maricopa County Vector Control

602-506-0700

AZ STORM

www.azstorm.org



**Report Storm
Drain Issues.**

**Report Illicit
Discharge.**

www.goodyearaz.gov/our-city/residents/report-a-problem



Best Management Practices

**A guide for
Homeowners,
Residents &
HomeOwners Associations**

**Stormwater
Pollution
Prevention
Begins with
YOU!**

What Can Residents Do?

Reduce stormwater pollution by implementing the following guidelines.

- Use drip irrigation. Direct sprinklers towards plants.
- Select native plants to minimize water use. Do not overwater.
- Use lawn fertilizers and pesticides according to manufacture's instructions. *Never apply when rain or wind is in the weather forecast.*
- Promptly clean up all spills.
- Landscaping/construction material should never be unloaded onto the sidewalk or in the street.
- Sweep up yard waste (leaves & grass) instead of using a hose or blower. *Bag, tie, and dispose of in your trash can or compost bin.*
- Do not drain your pool into the street.

**only rain
in the
storm drain**



BAG & TIE
your trash.
Be sure your
container lids
remain closed.

SCOOP THE POOP
Dispose of all pet
waste in a sealed
plastic bag.



DRAIN LEGALLY
Submit a FREE pool
drain permit request:
goodyearaz.gov/stormwater

**GOT HOUSEHOLD
HAZARDOUS WASTE?**
Lithium batteries, car
oil, paint, etc.
goodyearaz.gov/hhw



Battery drop off locations:
Staples, Batteries PLUS, Home Depot



Retention Basin Maintenance

Retention basins are shallow depressions designed to collect stormwater. Basins can get clogged over time, so they routinely need to be inspected by the HOA.

Standard maintenance should include:

- mowing the grass
- stabilizing erosion or any structural damage
- removing litter, trash, and debris

Properly maintained basins will drain within 36 hours of a storm event.

Prevent Mosquito Breeding

To avoid mosquitos, do not allow stagnant water to collect. Repair all broken sprinkler systems or other water leaks. Fill in the low spots to level the areas that collect water and contribute to standing and stagnant water.

Dry Well Maintenance

Drywells are located in retention basins, parking lots, and streets. They reduce runoff and potential flooding by collecting stormwater underground and allowing it to slowly infiltrate into the soil. Leaves, dirt, trash, and other debris can clog drywells. Property owners: check filter grates after storm events.