

Stormwater *Flash* Facts



NCDOT
Highway
Stormwater
PROGRAM



Fact

Stormwater is water from rain or other forms of precipitation that flows from rooftops, paved areas, bare soil and sloped lawns.

Fact

As it flows over the land, stormwater runoff collects and transports sediment, pet waste, automobile fluids, deicing products, yard waste, cigarette butts and other litter. Unlike wastewater, stormwater is not treated before it goes into our waterways.

Fact

You can prevent stormwater pollution by

- keeping the family car tuned
- recycling motor oil
- checking for leaks
- composting yard clippings
- cleaning up after pets.

Fact

Industry along with construction, urban and agricultural efforts all contribute to stormwater pollution.

Fact

Stormwater runoff comes from paved urban communities and neighborhood backyards and as well as pastures and agricultural fields.

Fact

Some stormwater pollutants originate on roadways, but roads cover less than 2% of the land in North Carolina.

Fact

In North Carolina the state only manages a limited portion of area affected by stormwater pollution. We must all work to reduce the impact of these pollutants.

Fact

Stormwater pollution makes water unfit for swimming and hurts aquatic life.

Fact

Humans contribute to stormwater pollution and humans have the power to reduce or prevent this environmental problem.

NCDOT, NCDENR and NC municipalities are developing programs to prevent and control stormwater pollution.