

Spill or illicit discharge?

If a spill occurs call 911

Remember the word SWIM

Stop the spill, if safe to do so

Warn the others

Isolate the area

Minimize exposure



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Only Rain Down The Drain. Do your part, one drop at a time! Keep your storm drain clear of organic matter.

Everything that goes into our storm drains goes untreated, into our lakes, streams and the Puget Sound.



▶ JBLM Stormwater Program

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Stormwater Management Program

Stormwater is naturally occurring rainfall, snowfall and ice melt that falls upon and accumulates on land and water surfaces. After accumulation stormwater may flow to adjacent surfaces or into nearby water-bodies. JBLM stormwater flows to streams, lakes, or the Puget Sound and infiltrates into groundwater.

All stormwater drains to creeks, lakes or the Puget Sound on JBLM



All drinking water consumed on JBLM comes from water wells which pump from underlying groundwater. In a very rainy place like JBLM, there is a lot of stormwater to manage. Directorate of Public Works staff and engineers design projects to reduce flooding by installing ponds, bioswales, and catch basins, to divert and treat runoff. Work on JBLM is regulated by Washington State Department of Ecology and the federal Environment Protection Agency. Protection of stormwater hinges upon the participation of every individual on the installation.

Things you can do to help

1. Prevent pollutants from reaching stormwater. Nothing but rain down the drain on JBLM. No oil, antifreeze, soapy water, pet waste, paint, etc. go down the drain. Clear storm drains of accumulated organic matter (leaves, grass clippings, etc).
2. Cleanup spills immediately to ensure they do not reach the stormwater system, surface waters, or infiltrate into the ground. Don't Drip & Drive! Change your oil at the MWR Auto craft shop, or check out: fixcarleaks.org for more information.
3. Keep dumpster lids closed except for when adding trash/recyclables to bins.
4. Wash your car at an MWR Auto Craft Shop or Commercial car wash. They use less water and treat dirty water before it goes down the storm drain.. It is not authorized to wash your car in JBLM housing. Car wash fundraiser idea: sell tickets to a commercial car wash.: charitycarwash.org.



Did you know...

- Gallons of stormwater runoff from the Lewis Post Office parking lot and drive (.1 acre) after one inch of rain: **27,000**
- Number of Lewis Main storm drains connected to American Lake and Murray Creek: **504**
- Gallons of water treated at the JBLM Wastewater Treatment plant: **4 million gal/day**
- There are **1.9 mil linear feet** of water lines on JBLM.



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