



up for a SWIM?

**Grab a beach towel and head for the closest
... storm drain?**

- That's right! Your favorite swimming hole begins right on your street. Look along the curb and find a storm drain. It's a direct connection to your local river, stream or lake.
- Storm drains transport all runoff from rainfall, snowmelt or sprinklers directly to our local waterways. Unlike wastewater from your home, storm water is not treated.
- When water washes into the drains, pollutants are carried along for the ride. Litter, pet waste, dirt, fertilizers, antifreeze and motor oil are just a few examples of contaminants that enter our waterways through storm drains.
- Misused, clogged or polluted storm drains or ditches can increase flooding, damage your property and harm our waterways. *No filters, no treatment. Swimming, anyone . . . ?*



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