

What is Stormwater Runoff?

Stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snowmelt flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, parking lots and streets prevent stormwater from naturally soaking into the ground. This increases the volume of water discharged which can cause flooding as well as increasing pollutants in our surface waters.



Cannon River

Runoff collected by catch basins in our City streets discharges to the Cannon and Straight Rivers. Pollutants such as sand, gravel, leaves, grass clippings, and garbage discharge directly into rivers and lakes without treatment.



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Stormwater pollution prevention begins with you!

Stormwater Quality

Pollution Prevention/ Good Housekeeping



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With the acceptance of the City of Faribault as a regulated stormwater discharger, it is required by the state and federal governments to develop and implement a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP). The Program is designed to reduce stormwater pollution to the maximum extent practicable over the next five years.

One of the ways to accomplish this goal is through the promotion of a Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping Policy.

Municipalities conduct numerous activities that can pose a threat to water quality if practices and procedures are not in place to prevent pollutants from entering surface waters. These activities can include winter road maintenance, minor road repairs and other infrastructure work, auto-



Street Sweeping

Material swept from City Streets in Spring of 2007. This would have ended up in the Cannon and Straight Rivers. All City streets are swept twice in spring and twice in fall. Downtown streets are swept every other week.



Covered Salt and Sand Stockpile

Salt and sand operations during winter months facilitate driver safety on Minnesota roadways and is a necessary part of Municipal Operations. BMPs such as an enclosed structure for stockpiles ensures that stormwater will not carry pollutants into surface waters.

mobile fleet maintenance, landscaping, park and building maintenance. Municipalities also conduct activities that remove pollutants from streams, lakes and rivers when performed properly, such as parking lot/street sweeping and storm drain system cleaning. Finally, municipal facilities can be sources of stormwater pollutants if Best Management Practices (BMPs) are not in place to contain spills, manage trash, and handle non-stormwater discharges.

City of Faribault's Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping Policy

The City of Faribault's Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping Policy will consist of many aspects including:

- Continued inspection and maintenance procedures and schedules to ensure water quality BMP functions.
- Continue implementing BMPs to treat pollutants from transportation infrastructure, maintenance areas, storage yards,

sand and salt storage areas.

- Establish procedures for proper disposal of pollutants removed from the City's storm sewer system.
- Incorporate water quality controls into reconstructs and Capital Improvement Projects.



For more information or questions on implementation timelines for Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping efforts see SWPPP document on the City Website @ www.faribault.org, at City Hall or contact:

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