

Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program

The City of Faribault has developed a five year program to reduce surface water pollution as required by the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) MS4 Permit.

The Permit requires Best Management Practices (BMPs) to be developed and implemented by cities with a population of 20,000 or greater for six minimum control measures.

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Stormwater pollution prevention begins with you!

Stormwater Quality

**Faribault:
A Municipal Separate
Storm Sewer System
(MS4)**



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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 discharges directly into rivers and lakes without treatment.

What is a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)?

A municipal separate storm sewer system is a conveyance or system of conveyances (roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, man-made channels, storm drains):

- Owned or operated by a state, city, town, county, district, or other public body having jurisdiction over disposal of sewage, industrial wastes, stormwater, or other wastes that discharge to waters of the United States;
- Designed or used for collecting or conveying stormwater;
- Which is not a combined sewer; and
- Which is not part of a publicly owned treatment works.

The MS4 Permit

The MS4 Permit requires Cities to develop and implement a five year program, called a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP), to reduce pollutants to the maximum extent practicable.



Water Quality Structure

Installed on the Grant Street South project along Highway 60 near the A & W. Structure uses a vortex to separate out sediments and floating debris like trash from entering our surface waters.

The SWPPP must have Best Management Practices (BMPs) in six categories resulting in a reduction in surface water pollution over the five year permit cycle. The six categories include:

- **Public Education and Outreach**
- **Public Participation/Involvement**
- **Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination—Illegal Dumping**
- **Construction Site Erosion and Sedimentation Control**
- **Post Construction Runoff Control**
- **Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping**



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