



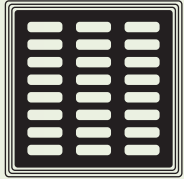
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Here are some things you and your neighbors can do to help improve Marquette's stormwater quality and better protect Lake Superior. Take the neighborhood challenge to improve stormwater runoff quality!

- Dispose of all pet waste properly. Please do not take your dog to the beach!
- Avoid using fertilizers and pesticides (if you must; use sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks, and gutters).
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider a rain garden or rain barrel to capture runoff. Contact the SWP about our rain barrel rebate program for Marquette residents (limited time only).
- Dispose of cigarette butts properly. A butt on the ground will likely go through the storm drain and end up in Lake Superior.
- Dispose of hazardous household waste at appropriate collection sites.
- Allow your lawn to grow taller. Longer grass (approx. 3") helps hold water and filter contaminants. Compost your yard waste.
- Cover any exposed soil with vegetation or mulch. Use native plant species if possible.
- Promptly repair any leaks in your car or other vehicles.
- Wash your car on the grass or at the car wash (not in the driveway where water runs into the storm drain).
- Don't hose off your driveway, sweep dirt and debris back onto your yard or dispose of properly.
- Never dump anything down storm drains!

Remember; Stormwater is a Resource not a Waste Product!

For more information or technical assistance regarding what you can do please contact the Superior Watershed Partnership at: 228-6095 or www.superiorwatersheds.org