



SCHOOLS

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

When rain falls or snow melts, the runoff produced picks up different contaminants like oil, metals, salts, pet waste and more as it flows over surfaces like roofs and roads. This runoff ultimately ends up in our storm drains, which lead directly to our local rivers and streams.

Schools can contribute to stormwater pollution due to lawn care practices, litter, and bus yard and maintenance garage operations. The construction of schools can also create an abundance of impervious surfaces, meaning water isn't being absorbed before it reaches the storm drains.

Learn more about best management practices for preventing stormwater pollution at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's website: www.epa.gov.

**QUESTIONS?
CONTACT THE
DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS.**

(586) 598-0687

**Monday - Friday:
7:30 AM - 4:00 PM**

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INCORPORATE NATIVE PLANTS

Incorporate green space with native plants and trees instead of replacing impervious surfaces.



CLEAN UP

Host clean up events to pick up litter around the school. Sweep impervious surfaces to collect and dispose of salt and other debris.



PLANT POWER

Allow mowed areas to grow and install native plants to support wildlife and improve filtration of stormwater.



EDUCATE

Include stormwater education in the classroom. Have students install a rain garden, plant native plants, or participate in a clean-up activity.



STORE CHEMICALS PROPERLY

Practice good housekeeping by storing chemicals indoors and in regulated containers. Correctly label and keep a spill kit handy.



CAPTURE & FILTER

Install and maintain catch basin filters.