



# HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION 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.

Homeowners Associations are often responsible for the management of retention and detention ponds and common spaces of neighborhoods. Improper management of retention and detention ponds can lead to the spread of invasive species, algal blooms and sediment buildup.

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

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### **STOP ALGAE BLOOMS**

Algae in neighborhood ponds are caused by excess fertilizer, pesticides and grass clippings. Limit fertilizer usage and sweep lawn clippings off sidewalks and driveways.



### **PREVENT INVASIVE SPECIES**

Remove invasive species, such as phragmites, whenever possible. Replant these areas with native plants to ensure invasives stay out and to keep extra nutrients out of the water.



### **CREATE WILDLIFE HABITAT**

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

## **QUESTIONS?**

**CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.**

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