

Whipple Creek Watershed-Scale Plan

Options for improving the creek and watershed

We all play a role!

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Urban Residential

Own or rent, single family or multi-family complex



Pick up pet waste



Pick up pet waste everytime and dispose in the trash.
Clark County has over 100,000 pets, that equates to over 15,000 tons of waste every year. The ecoli and pollutants in pet waste damage local streams.



Lawn care tricks

Reduce chemical use.
Follow tips for healthy lawns while minimizing chemicals that could wash into storm drains. Learn about Grasscycling techniques to keep your lawn healthy and lush naturally.

Fix vehicle leaks



A rainbow in the rain under your vehicle means you have a leak.
Save money by fixing your leak and avoiding costly engine repair. Keep oils/greases out of the storm drains that lead to streams.



Use native plants

Native plants make your yard beautiful naturally.
Native plants require less water and fertilizer while adding color, beauty and habitat to your yard. There are lots to choose from and are available at local nurseries.

Wash smart



Don't use soaps or waxes over pavement.
Any cleaning chemicals are bad news in the drain. Use a commercial car wash or wash vehicles and equipment over lawn areas where it can soak in the ground.



Let rain soak in

Use rain gardens and other LID to get the rain water in the ground.
Low Impact Development techniques encourage water to soak into the ground close to where it falls.

Home improvements



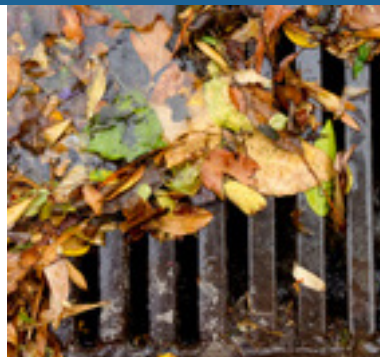
When fixing the exterior of your home, keep power washing, chemicals and debris contained.
Filter wash water and put debris in the trash. Avoid spills that may wash down the drain.



Disconnect downspouts

Direct downspouts to landscape areas.
If your downspout connects to the street via a pipe, disconnect it. Direct water to the landscape. Your yard will benefit and pollutants will stay out of the drain.

Keep drains clear



If you have a storm drain by your house, keep it clear of debris.
Reduce flooding and pollution potential by keeping trash picked up. Sweep up leaves and put in compost.



Care for your pool/spa

Pool and spa water needs to go to the right drain.
The chemicals from your pool are considered pollutants. Drain your pool or spa to a sanitary sewer connection such as a wash sink or toilet.



To learn about Whipple Creek Watershed and this study, visit our web page:
www.clark.wa.gov/public-works/whipple-creek-watershed-plan

The Whipple Creek Watershed-Scale Plan is a requirement of Clark County's National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit (August 2013). The plan follows parameters outlined in the permit S.5.C.5.c.