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Neighborhood Watershed

Help Keep Our Water Supply Clean this Winter

When temperatures get cold and snow hits the ground, it can be easy to forget that snow quickly turns to water that goes back into our lakes, rivers, and streams.

Stormwater runoff is water that comes from rain or melting snow and flows from rooftops, over paved streets, sidewalks and parking lots, across bare soil, and through lawns and storm drains. As it does that, it collects and transports many kinds of pollutants including sediment and soil, as well as pet waste, salt, pesticides, fertilizer, oil, and grease. That runoff then drains directly into nearby creeks, streams, rivers, lakes and other water basins without receiving any kind of treatment.

Sediment pollution causes \$16 billion in environmental damage annually in addition to the toll it can take on our citizens as well as the habitats for our animals and plants. That is why we need your help in reducing the amount of pollutants that contaminate our local waterways and lower our water quality.

Do your part to keep excess sediment out of our creeks, streams, and rivers by keeping areas clean and being conscious of stormwater runoff and the pollutants you could be unconsciously adding to our natural waterways.

To report any pollution activities, please feel free to contact our Stormwater Management Department at (913) 742-6292. You can also report these issues through our service request system at www.shawneeconnect.org or the new Shawnee Connect mobile app on your smart phone. The app is a free download on both Apple and Android devices.



Stormwater Treatment Facilities at Walden Pond

As in the past, we are cleaning out the stormwater treatment facilities three times this year. In order to make sure that our efforts are maximized, we will continue cleaning these facilities on that basis during the months of March, August, and November.

During the cleaning, we carefully monitor the amount and types of debris that are being removed from the facility. Most of the debris that has come out is from grass clippings. An important reminder that grass clippings and leaves can release

unwanted nutrients into Walden Pond and have a negative impact on its water quality. Please do not blow grass clippings or leaves onto the street or sidewalks. Please feel free to contact our office at (913) 742-6292 to report pollution. You can also report these issues through our service request system at www.shawneeconnect.org or the new Shawnee Connect mobile app on your smart phone. The app is a free download on both Apple and Android devices.





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Healthy Yards Expo

The date for next year's **FREE** Healthy Yards Expo is set. The 2016 Expo will be held on Saturday, April 2 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Shawnee Civic Centre (13817 Johnson Drive) Come learn about good maintenance practices for your lawn and **FREE** soil testing. For more information on the Johnson County's Healthy Yards Expo, visit www.johnson.ksu.edu or call 715-7000.



Go GREEN and Save Money!

Not only can you go GREEN, but you can save some GREEN with your own rain barrel! Shawnee is offering a class on **Saturday, March 5th** participants will learn how to build their own rain barrels. The workshops will take place at 10:00 a.m. at the Parks Maintenance Facility, 12321 Johnson Drive. All supplies are included with the \$50 class fee. Participants can sign up at www.shawneeconnect.org or by calling 631-5200.



Contact the Stormwater Division to report an illicit discharge or stormwater related issue at 742-6230 or stormwater@cityofshawnee.org