Georgia DOT Stormwater Management Program

Keeping Georgia's streams, rivers and lakes healthy and clean.

Georgia Department of Transportation

Georgia DOT is committed to protecting the environment and preventing water pollution. Our employees and contractors are trained to prevent and resolve stormwater pollution.

During Construction: Controlling Site Stormwater Runoff

- Georgia DOT takes special precautions to prevent our construction projects from causing pollution of water sources near construction sites.
- We also follow site-specific construction plans and do inspections on a regular basis to prevent soil erosion near waterways during and after these projects.

Post-Construction Stormwater Management

Some examples of environmentally-friendly things we do include:

- Use recycled materials.
- Install road drainage systems that allow stormwater to absorb into the soil.
- Landscape areas along roadways to help filter stormwater runoff.

There are many things the public can do to partner with us to prevent water pollution in Georgia:

Let Us Know if You See Stormwater Pollution

- Stormwater pollution occurs whenever any chemical or unnatural product enters the stormwater system. These products and chemicals are common examples that threaten our stormwaters:
  - Detergents and washwater
  - Oil and paint
  - Sewage from sewer pipes
- Anyone can report pollutants (called "illicit discharges") on Georgia DOT's Stormwater Pollution Prevention website (www.dot.ga.gov) and we will work to resolve the problem.

Learn More about Stormwater Pollution Prevention

- Georgia DOT hosts many Public Information Open Houses all over the state where the public is invited to learn about our projects and provide comments. You can learn more about stormwater pollution prevention by talking with any Georgia DOT employee at an Open House.
- Businesses that join Georgia DOT's Sponsor-A-Highway Program will learn about stormwater pollution and help us identify locations where it may occur.
- Get more information on Georgia DOT's website: www.dot.ga.gov.
- Learn more about what you can do at EPA http://water.epa.gov/action/

Pollution Prevention at Home

- Keep lids on garbage and recycling containers closed at all times.
- Check your vehicles for oil and other fluid leaks.
- Wash vehicles in designated areas to prevent dirty water and detergents from pouring into the storm drain.
- Keep yard clippings out of streams and storm drains.