

What can you do to reduce Stormwater pollution in the Lagoon?

There are many things you can do in your own yard to reduce Stormwater Runoff pollution.

Reduce or eliminate stormwater runoff from your yard:

1. Use cisterns or rain barrels to collect water from roof drains to be used for irrigation.
2. Install swales around the perimeter of your property to collect excess water.
3. Use rain gardens to remove nutrients from stormwater and absorb it into the ground
4. Connect roof drains into French Drains to divert runoff into the soil.
5. Reduce impervious surfaces (use pavers for driveways and walks, wood decks)

Remove pollutants from your yard:

1. Keep lawn clippings *in your yard* and off driveways and roads.
2. Clean up pet waste.
3. Follow County/City fertilizer ordinances.
4. Test soil and only use organic fertilizer when needed.
5. Replace turf grass with plants that don't require any supplemental fertilizer.
6. Wash your car on the lawn or use a commercial car wash.
7. Clean up oil spills on driveway.

Reduce water consumption:

1. Don't overwater. Comply with local irrigation ordinances.
2. Install rain sensors to prevent sprinklers from running during rainy periods.
3. Convert to drip irrigation for shrubs and planters.
4. Test your sprinkler system and measure the amount of water applied per zone.