

You Can Make a Difference!



Take Action: Pick up after your pets and dispose of the waste properly.

Why? Dog poop is a major contributor to stormwater pollution. Pet waste contains harmful bacteria and parasites that can cause serious illness in humans and negative impacts on our lakes and rivers.

City Commitment: Pet waste bag dispensers are installed at public parks and downtown Camas area. The City actively refills the dispensers and garbage receptacles are available

Make sure to check out our [Doody Pledge](#).

*Take the pledge and receive a **FREE** bone-shaped waste bag dispenser!*



Participate in Camas' Doody Pledge



Take Action: Don't drip and drive. Fix that Leak!

Why? Oil and other petroleum products can harm wildlife and habitat. When it rains, stormwater runoff carries petroleum products that drip from our cars to streams, rivers and lakes.

City Commitment: The City has partnered with the Stormwater Partners of SW Washington to help Clark County drivers identify and fix vehicle leaks. Often times, a vehicle leak is a sign of a larger problem. Don't wait, visit the [Don't Drip & Drive](#) website for FREE leak inspections and discounts on leak repairs.

Take Action: Dispose of household hazardous waste properly.

Do not pour it down the drain! There are three locations within Clark County to disposal of household hazardous waste for FREE. Please visit the [Household Hazardous Waste](#) website for additional hazardous waste information, transfer station locations and hours.

Why? The hazardous chemicals can contaminate groundwater and surface water, impact septic systems, enter waterbodies and kill fish, and add to the flammability and toxic effects of house fires. It can also harm us directly, through unintended side effects, improper use, or accidental poisoning.

City Commitment: All City properties that contain hazardous materials and products have staff who are trained in the usage and all items are properly stored and contained. The City also utilizes the transfer stations to dispose of hazardous waste.



Take Action: Be the City's eyes and nose. Notify the City if you see or smell something weird from a storm drain. Call the City's Illicit Discharge Hotline at (360) 817-1563 or notify the City through [CamasConnect 24/7 mobile app](#).

Why? When substances such as sewage, food waste, sediment from construction sites, detergents, fertilizers, hazardous waste, dead animal and etc. enters the storm drain, it flows to lakes and rivers. This is called an illicit discharge. Only rainwater should be flowing through a storm drain.

City Commitment: The City is committed to getting spills cleaned up and eliminate illicit discharges in accordance with [City's IDDE Program Manual](#). Dumping of hazardous substances in storm drains is prohibited in the City of Camas under [Municipal Code 14.04 Illicit Discharges](#), Dumping and Illicit Connections.

Take Action: Take your car to the car wash, lay back and relax. Wash your car on a lawn or over a landscape area to absorb the liquid and limit the runoff from your property.

Why? Dirty cars tend to have oils, sediment, paint chips and etc. on the surface of the vehicle. When you wash your car in your driveway or street, the dirty water from the vehicle flows to the nearest storm drain and ends up in our lakes and rivers.

City Commitment: All City operation vehicles are washed under a covered area and the wash water drains to the sanitary sewer treatment plant.



[Check out this KPTV video](#)

Take action: Apply fertilizers only when necessary and at the recommended amount. Do not use fertilizer in the rain or when rain is anticipated. Wait until the grass begins growing in March/April to fertilize, and avoid fertilizing after September/October.

Why? Fertilizing during a lawn's dormant season increases the risk of rainwater washing it into the storm drain or leaching into the groundwater due to root systems being less active. Fertilizer causes stormwater runoff to be high in nitrogen and phosphorus pollutants which can cause algae to grow faster than ecosystems can handle in lakes and rivers.

City Commitment: The City utilize fertilizers as needed and per manufacture recommendations. Fertilizing is done during Spring and Fall. The City also has licensed and trained staff for pesticide applications.

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