

CITY OF ST HELENS STORMWATER POLLUTION AND HAZARDOUS WASTE PUBLIC AWARENESS PAMPHLET

Goal: To promote education and awareness about harmful stormwater pollutants, be able to identify potential contaminants, and prevent the spread into the city storm system and natural drainage pathways.

STORMWATER POLLUTANTS

- Litter – Plastics, metals, and other common materials
- Pet Waste
- Yard Waste
- Household Waste
- Auto Waste – gas, diesel, oils, car batteries, car soap
- Pesticides/Herbicides
- Medicine/Pharmaceuticals

WHY IT'S IMPORTANT

- Nutrients containing Nitrogen and Phosphorous in creeks, streams, and lakes can cause the rapid growth of algae. Algae degrades water quality, produces a foul odor, and can be harmful to your health.
- Contaminants can impair or destroy natural wildlife habitats.
- Corrosive materials can cause the city storm system to weaken and fail.



SOLUTIONS AND WHAT YOU CAN DO

- **Dispose of Trash and Litter Properly**

- o Place yard debris, trash, and waste within the proper receptacles.
- o Take chemicals and pharmaceuticals to the appropriate waste disposal sites.
 - Hudson Garbage Household Hazardous Waste Events (See Page 2)
 - Columbia County Sheriff's Office – Pharmaceuticals (See Page 2)



- **Illegal Dumping**

- o Report any illegal dumping of contaminants and pollutants into storm drains or natural drainage paths. Oregon DEQ has a reporting link for spills (See Page 2)
- o Report illegal dumping activities within Columbia County - DumpStoppers Complaint Form (See Page 2)

- **Fertilize and Use Chemicals Efficiently & Consciously**

- o Sweep up any spills or overspray of fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides on sidewalks or streets.
- o Always follow the manufacturer's recommendations and safety precautions. More fertilizer, herbicide, or pesticide isn't always a better option.

- **Contractors**

- o Special Permits are required through Oregon DEQ 1200C regulations.
- o Erosion Control, spill mitigation, and other permit requirements must be met.

- **Businesses**

- o Perform necessary maintenance for stormwater ponds, swales, and other private drainage structures.
- o Check oil/water separator traps and grease traps to ensure they are functioning properly. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for maintenance.



WASTE DROPOFF LOCATIONS

HUDSON GARBAGE - HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTIONS

SATURDAYS: FEBRUARY 25TH, JUNE 10TH, AUG 26TH AND OCT 21ST 8AM-2PM

COLUMBIA COUNTY TRANSFER STATION – 1601 RAILROAD AVENUE, ST HELENS, OREGON

<https://www.hudsongarbage.com/assets/docs/uploads/2023hhw.pdf>

FOR ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS - CALL 503-397-1534

COLUMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE – PHARMACEUTICAL/MEDICAL WASTE DROP OFF

AVAILABLE SEVEN DAYS A WEEK 8:30AM – 5:00PM

901 PORT AVENUE, ST HELENS, OREGON

<https://www.columbiacountyor.gov/departments/SolidWaste/medical-waste-and-sharps>

FOR ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS – CALL 503-366-4611

ILLEGAL DUMPING & STORM DRAINAGE POLLUTION REPORTING

COLUMBIA COUNTY DUMPSTOPPERS COMPLAINT FORM

REPORT ONLINE AT:

<https://www.columbiacountyor.gov/departments/SolidWaste/dumpstoppers>

OR TO REPORT BY PHONE, CALL 503-397-7229

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY SPILL/RELEASE FORM

<https://www.oregon.gov/deq/Hazards-and-Cleanup/er/Pages/How-To-Report-A-Spill.aspx>

OREGON EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM – 1-800-452-0311

