



## An issue that concerns us all. A mission we can all be a part of.

According to a recent government survey, 40 percent of U.S. waterbodies were still impaired by pollution, failing to meet government standards. It's a problem we contribute to – most of the time unknowingly – when we let harmful pollutants run into our storm drains and enter our waterways.

The Nebraska H<sub>2</sub>O program has been established in order to change the statistics and protect our waterways before any more damage is done. But we need your help.



For more information on the Nebraska Stormwater Cooperative's mission to keep harmful pollutants from entering our waters – and to find out more ways you can help – please email us at [info@nebraskah2o.org](mailto:info@nebraskah2o.org) or visit [www.NebraskaH2O.org](http://www.NebraskaH2O.org).

**Contact us**

*Our Water...  
Our Responsibility.*

Created by the Nebraska Stormwater Cooperative to educate the public on the importance of keeping Nebraska waterways pollutant-free.

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## About us

Our mission. Our efforts. Our request.

It's a pretty common belief that the water in our storm drains is filtered or treated before it makes its way into our rivers and lakes.

The truth is, it's not.

When we dump harsh chemicals on our lawns and dispose of toxic substances via storm drains, harmful pollutants enter our waterways, killing fish, destroying wildlife habitats, decreasing aesthetic value and contaminating the water we boat in, swim in – and drink. It's a risk to our environment. . . and a risk to our health.

Using grant funding provided by the State of Nebraska and administered by the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, the Nebraska Stormwater Cooperative is working to raise awareness and offer alternatives to storm drain dumping through our Nebraska H<sub>2</sub>O program. Almost half of U.S. waterbodies fail to meet water quality standards. It's our goal to change this – to protect our waters and improve the health of our citizens and wildlife.

*(The Nebraska Stormwater Cooperative consists of Grand Island, Beatrice, Columbus, Fremont, Hastings, Kearney, Lexington, Norfolk, North Platte and Scottsbluff.)*



## What you can do to help

Easy tips for keeping our waters clean

### Litter disposal

Dispose of litter by throwing it in a trashcan or recycling it. In addition, do your part by disposing of litter you find in the street or on the sidewalk.

### Washing your car

You can either take your car to a self-service car wash, which is designed with special drains for proper disposal, or wash your car on your lawn. The dirt below will act as a filter for the soap.

### Pet waste

It's best to dispose of pet waste in the trash or, better yet, flush it down the toilet. This water will be properly treated.

### Household chemicals

Cleaning products and other household chemicals should never be dumped outside, down the sink – or down a storm drain. Visit [www.NebraskaH2O.org](http://www.NebraskaH2O.org) and click on our Tips section to find out the location of a facility that will dispose of them properly.

### Fertilizer and pesticides

You'll need to take leftover substances to a designated waste control area. Visit [www.NebraskaH2O.org](http://www.NebraskaH2O.org) to find out the location nearest you.

## More ways to help – for kids and adults!

For more information on ways you can help the effort – and for our special kids-only info – visit Nebraska H<sub>2</sub>O online at [www.NebraskaH2O.org](http://www.NebraskaH2O.org).

