



Litter in Your Neighborhood and in the Storm Drain

Did you know that there are two sewer systems?

- The *sanitary sewer* collects waste water from homes, business and industry from sinks, toilets and other outlets. It goes to the water treatment plant for treatment.
- The *storm sewer* collects runoff from streets. There is no treatment for the storm sewer; storm water goes into the ground and eventually into the ground water. Anything dumped or left in the street or gutter is pollution that can enter retention basins where children and pets play and from there can infiltrate and contaminate our ground water.

How you can help:

Litter such as plastic bags, six pack rings, cigarette butts, soda cans and bottles are not only an eye sore but they can harm the environment and cause storm water to back up too. When drywells and other storm structures get full of trash, they can back up causing stormwater to flood the streets. Another problem is that when stormwater can't properly drain it sits and makes a great place for mosquitoes to breed.



- You can help by throwing away trash in proper containers and picking up trash you see in your neighborhood.
- If you see standing water contact your HOA or the Town of Gilbert (480-503-6400).
- If there are mosquito problems in your neighborhood, contact Maricopa County Environmental Services (602-506-6616).
- If you see someone littering from a vehicle, contact the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) by going to <http://kazb.org/resources/programs/litter-hotline/>.



Only Rain in the Storm Drain