



Storm Water Best Management Practices: Recreational Vehicles

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.

What you can do:

Recreational Vehicle (RV) Owners:

- Some RV facilities provide sanitary dumps for disposal from chemical toilets and sinks. Make sure to empty your RV at a dumping station or other approved location. Dumping your RV in the on private property, in the street or in the storm drain system is not permissible.
- If your RV is muddy when you get home, take it to a car wash. Washing mud and dirt off of your RV, into the storm system can cause clogs and other problems. Car washes have filter systems that can filter out the dirt before it gets to the sewer system.
- Storm drains typically lead to retention basin where kids and pets play, one of the reasons it is important to keep pollutants out of the storm system which include gutters and streets.

Off Highway Vehicle (OHV)/Dirt Bike Owners:

If your OHV/Dirt Bike or trailer is dirty when you get home, take them to a car wash rather than hosing them off in the street. Washing mud or dirt off of a vehicle, into the storm system can cause clogs and other problems. Car washes have filter systems that can filter out the dirt before it is discharged to the sanitary sewer.

Only Rain in the Storm Drain