

What is Storm Water?

Storm water is created from rain that falls directly to the ground and runs off hard surfaces and picks up pollution on its way to the storm drain and eventually into our natural waterways.

Having a clean environment is of primary importance for our health. Clean waterways provide recreation, commercial opportunities, fish habitats, and add beauty to our landscape. All of us benefit from clean water and all of us have a role in keeping our lakes, rivers, wetlands, and groundwater clean.

What is Haslett Public Schools Doing?

The District has developed a comprehensive Storm Water Management Program (SWMP) to reduce storm water pollution from district-owned properties. Polluted stormwater runoff is often transported by conveyance systems into our local streams, ponds, and lakes. Common pollutants include oil and grease from roadways, de-icing salt, fertilizers, pet waste, sediment from construction, and discarded litter.

These storm water pollutants impair our waterways, discourage recreational use, create health risks, and degrade habitats for aquatic life. Under the SWMP, HPS is working to develop and implement best management practices to reduce pollution from storm water runoff and promote public education.

For a copy of the SWMP please visit the Facilities and Operations Stormwater Management page at <https://www.haslettschools.org> or contact Steve Kioski at kioskil@haslett.k12.mi.us



How Can you Help?

- Keep fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides off paved surfaces and out of drainage paths.
- Disconnect downspouts from sewer systems. Direct them into vegetated areas away from building foundations.
- Properly use, store, and dispose of household hazardous waste and use non-toxic alternatives when possible. Never pour wastes down a storm drain and clean up any spills and leaks.
- Reduce the amount of lawn by adding berms, and flower, herb, native plant, decorative grass, vegetable and rain gardens.
- Bag or compost yard wastes and sweep and collect fertilizer and grass clippings off driveways and walkways.
- Use salt for snow and ice control sparingly. Choose magnesium or calcium chloride alternatives when possible.
- Report any pollution, illegal dumping or soil erosion to the proper authorities.
- Join local watershed groups and participate in river watches, storm drain stenciling or other neighborhood activities.