

Thank you for being an active member of the JBER community!

Practicing these simple strategies is crucial for preventing stormwater contamination and protecting our groundwater and surface water resources.

For more information on how you can protect our water, visit:

- <https://www.jber.jb.mil/Services-Resources/Environmental/Water-Quality/>
- <https://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater/stormwater/>

Or Contact:

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STORMWATER
POLLUTION
PREVENTION
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What is stormwater?

Stormwater is water from rain or snow melt that flows over land. The runoff can be from building roofs or parking lots and flows along roads, ditches, swales, and through storm drain inlets and culverts. Storm water can eventually flow to larger water bodies such as the ocean, rivers, and lakes.

Why is this important?

Stormwater is untreated when it enters water bodies and can carry harmful pollutants and bacteria. When improperly managed, contaminants such as oil, antifreeze, detergent, grass clippings, pet waste, trash, sediment, and other pollutants can enter the stormwater system. JBER's stormwater system leads directly to Ship Creek, Cook Inlet, and essential wetlands.

How can YOU avoid stormwater pollution?

- 1 Don't wash your car in the street.** Go to a commercial or on-base car wash, which properly manage the wastewater to prevent pollution.

If it's in our streets, it's in our streams!

- 2 Responsible yard care.** If you must use fertilizers, use responsibly. Follow labels and avoid applying before heavy rain. Properly dispose of yard waste to avoid leaves and grass clippings clogging storm drains.

- 3 Manage household waste properly.** Know how to use, store, and recycle household waste and motor oil.



- 5 Don't litter.** If you see litter, pick it up! Dispose of trash and recyclables properly in designated receptacles.

- 6 Keep pollution out of storm drains.** No dumping! Storm drains lead to waterways without filtration or treatment.

- 4 Scoop the Poop!**

THE POOP FAIRY DOESN'T EXIST



Dog waste is full of bacteria, viruses, and other substances that are harmful to humans and the environment. When dog waste is left on the ground, runoff from snow and rain washes the waste into storm drains and water bodies, without filtration or treatment. Fishing or swimming, anyone?

Prevent water pollution; scoop the poop! Grab it, bag it, toss it! Contact JBER's water quality program manager with questions at 384-6784.