Since 2002, the Northeast Ohio Public Involvement Public Education (NEO PIPE) Work Group has been committed to water quality education. Working together to create regional and community resources, NEO PIPE collaborates to effectively increase public awareness of storm water issues and provide opportunities to protect our shared waters. For more information on this banner initiative or reducing storm water pollution in your community, please contact your local agency.

City of Avon Lake  
www.avonlake.org  
440-930-4101

Cuyahoga SWCD  
www.cuyahogaswcd.org  
216-524-6580

Geauga SWCD  
www.geaugaswcd.com  
440-834-1122

Lake County SWCD  
www.lakecountyohio.gov/soil  
440-350-2730

Lorain SWCD  
www.lorainswcd.com  
440-326-5800

Medina SWCD  
www.medinaswcd.org  
330-722-2628 ext. 3

Portage SWCD  
www.portageswcd.org  
330-297-7633

Summit SWCD  
www.summitswcd.org  
330-929-2871

*Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD)
Clean Storm Water Starts At Home

Choose environmentally friendly household products.

Contact your county's Solid Waste District for procedures and locations to dispose of household hazardous wastes.

Pick up pet waste and dispose of it properly.

Inspect and pump your septic system every 2-3 years.

Drain your swimming pool only when a test kit does not detect chlorine levels.

It’s Not Hard To Have A Healthy Yard

Don’t guess... Soil Test.

Fertilize sparingly and caring.

Mow high and let it lie.

Plant right for your site. Go Native!

Compost leaves instead of bagging or throwing them in the street or stream.

Water lawn deeply and infrequently.

Leave a vegetated area by your stream edge.

STORM WATER: Slow It Down, Spread It Out, Soak It In

Keep your water on site.

Install a rain barrel. Collect water coming off your roof to be used in your yard or garden.

Plant a rain garden. Capture and filter storm water runoff from rooftops and driveways by planting an attractive, landscaped area with native plants.

Install a filter strip. Use flowers, grasses, trees or shrubs to filter water flowing across your yard.

Steer Clear of Pollutants

Use a car wash or wash your car on the lawn to keep soapy water out of storm drains, ditches and waterways.

Check your vehicles and equipment for leaks and spills. Clean up spills with absorbent materials.

Recycle used oil and other automotive fluids.