

## ***Stormwater Information***

Stormwater pollution is one of the top five polluters of lakes, rivers, creeks, estuaries, and bays in the United States. We can all help to clean up our water environments by following a few simple tips. To find out more about what you can do to help reverse this trend, see [Storm Drain Pollution & You](#).

One of the most effective tools for preventing storm drain pollution is education. We have developed educational materials for the community. Specific practices for preventing stormwater pollution have been published for the auto repair industry, the food and restaurant industry, the construction industry, and for homeowners and do-it-yourselfers. General materials have also been developed.

The City's "water quality ethic" has led to the development of a Stormwater Management Program which is continually changing and expanding. This program is the result of a commitment to protecting our resources on the North Coast, especially to our receiving water Humboldt Bay.

In an effort to regulate what is allowed to flow down the storm drain, the Eureka City Council will consider adopting an ordinance that limits stormwater flows to clean rain water and non-polluted incidental flows such as lawn irrigation runoff and groundwater infiltration. The proposed ordinance borrows elements from many other cities that have existing ordinances.