

Things You Can Do To Protect The Water In Your Storm Drain System

SWIMMING POOL AND SPA

Water containing chlorine is harmful to aquatic life. Whenever possible, drain water into the sewer system. There are established guidelines on the amount of residual chlorine, acceptable pH range, coloration, filter media and acid cleaning wastes when draining into the storm drain system, and some areas may require a permit. Check with the Village of Beecher for a copy of the guidelines.

LAWN AND GARDEN

Use a broom or rake to clean up yard debris and place in trash bins; lawn clippings and leaves should be placed in recycling containers if available - or better yet, leave your grass clippings on the lawn. Follow directions carefully when using pesticides and fertilizers; don't over water or use before a rain. Pesticides and fertilizers may adversely impact our waterways.

PET CARE

Pick up pet waste as soon as possible and put it in the trash. Pet waste has harmful bacteria that can get into our waterways. Also, follow label directions for disposal on pet care products like flea shampoo because they can be toxic.

It's Up To You. Together, you and your neighbors can make a difference to keep gutters, storm drains and waterways clean. To learn more or report possible illegal discharges to the storm drain system, call the Village of Beecher at (708) 946-2261.

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