

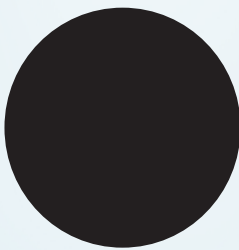
# Keep Our Streams Clean!



Protect our streams by keeping  
pollutants out of storm drains

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## Watercourse Protection

Did you ever wonder where the drains in your neighbourhood lead to or what happens to all that rainfall? Those drains, known as storm drains, collect the rain and melted snow that drains off roads, parking lots and driveways. The storm drains empty into an underground storm drain system and the contents are quickly discharged into the streams. These streams are home to trout, salmon and other aquatic life and we need to protect their habitat by not introducing a deleterious substance into those storm drains.



### See a Problem? Report It!

Use the PoCo Sort and Report app to report any City service issues, email [portcoquitlam.ca/report](mailto:portcoquitlam.ca/report), or call 604.927.3111.

## What Can You Do to Help?

The City encourages everyone to adopt these simple but impactful practices:

- **Always dispose of pet waste in the trash:** Pet waste carries bacteria that harm waterways.
- **Wash car at a commercial car wash:** When washing a car, aim for a grassy area where the water can soak into the soil, or better yet, visit a commercial car wash.
- **Dispose of hazardous materials properly:** Motor oil, paint, cleaning products like bleach, chemicals and other hazardous materials should never go down any drain. For further disposal information, contact BC Recycling Hotline at 604-732-9253.
- **Always place trash in appropriate bins:** Even a small piece of litter can be carried by rain into a storm drain and end up polluting our streams.
- **Don't drain hot tub/pools into storm drains:** When draining a swimming pool or hot tub, water should be discharged directly into a drain connected to the sanitary sewer system, not a storm drain.
- **Dispose of fats, oils, and grease (FOG) from food and food preparation properly:** FOG should never be placed into storm drains or catch basins, in any quantity.

## Support the Yellow Fish Road Program

Residents can look for the yellow fish symbols painted near storm drains, which serve as a visual reminder that only rain should go down the drain. For information and how to get involved with DFO-led initiatives like Yellow Fish Road, residents are encouraged to contact [publicworks@portcoquitlam.ca](mailto:publicworks@portcoquitlam.ca)