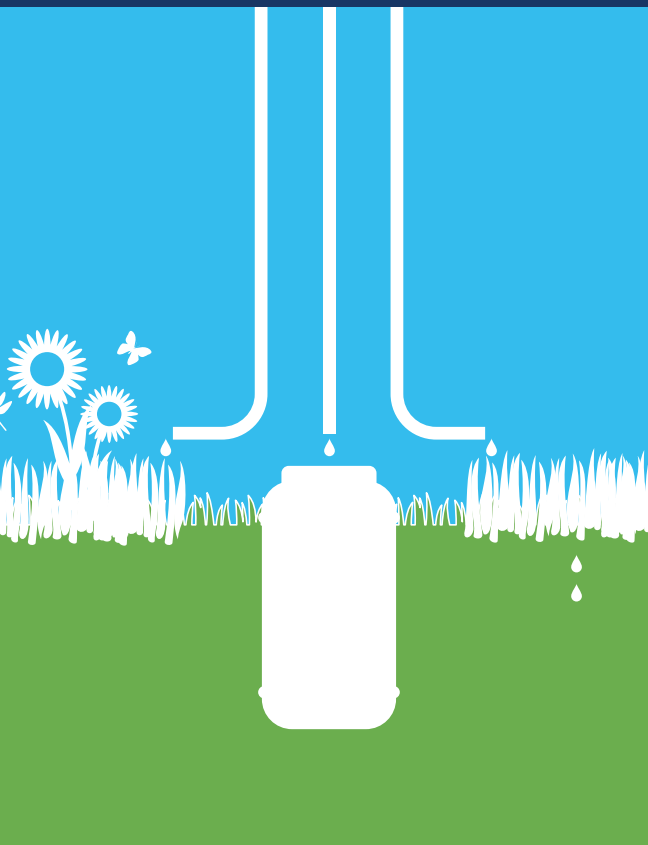




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Urbanization has led to an increase in hard, paved surfaces that water can't soak through. Precipitation runs quickly across these surfaces and into nearby streams or storm drains. Along the way, precipitation, now considered runoff, picks up and carries pollutants, such as lawn chemicals. There are simple steps you can take to reduce the amount of water that runs off your property, and the pollution it carries.

- ✓ Plant or maintain vegetation next to streams and lakes to filter out harmful pollutants and help runoff soak into the ground.
- ✓ Plant a rain garden to capture runoff from your driveway or rooftop. Use hardy, deep-rooted native plants to add a splash of color and provide habitat for butterflies and birds.
- ✓ Instead of letting runoff from your rooftop flow across your lawn and into a nearby storm drain, install rain barrels on downspouts so you can capture and reuse rainwater.
- ✓ Minimize the impact of paved surfaces by redirecting runoff into a vegetated area rather than a road or storm drain.

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