

A Clean River Starts on Your Street

Your home is connected to the San Lorenzo River. Rain or running water travels from your yard or driveway, down your street to the nearest storm drain. On the way, it picks up anything in its path, including trash and pollution. When it enters the storm drain, the water moves through underground pipes and empties into the river. You can keep your river clean by finding pollution and stopping it before it goes down your storm drain.

Find and circle these sources of pollution before they enter the storm drain!

- Paint spilling
- Hose running
- Car washing
- Sewer leak
- Dog poop
- ✓ Trash
- Car oil stains
- Spraying fertilizer
- Large pile of dirt (erosion)



Can you find a storm drain on your street?

Try this at home: Take a walk through your neighborhood. Find the storm drains on your streets. Tally what you pollution you find on the way.

- ___ Dog poop
- ___ Trash
- ___ Running water when its not raining
- ___ Someone washing their car
- ___ Oil stains
- ___ Paint cans

Did you see pollution on your street?

Here are some things you can do stop pollution before it gets to the river:

1. Organize a neighborhood cleanup.
2. Talk to your friend or neighbor. Tell them that the storm drain eventually goes into the river so we have to keep it clean.