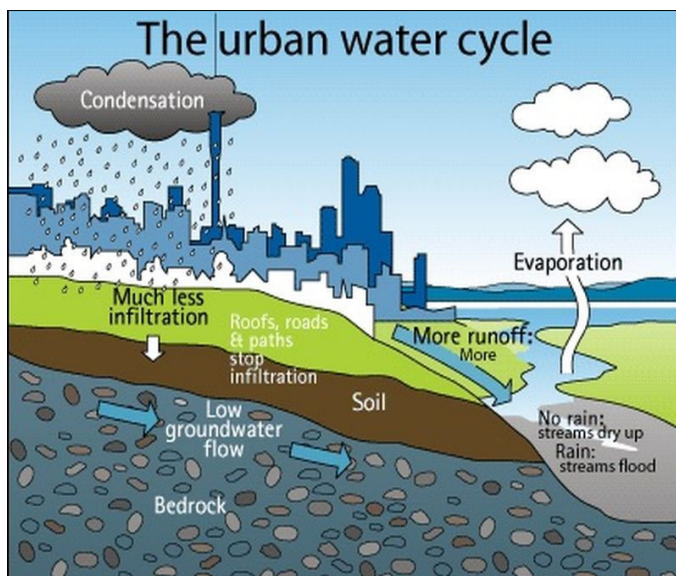


Environmental Insight



What is Stormwater?



Any precipitation that falls from the sky, including rain, hail, and snow, is considered stormwater. Stormwater is categorized in two different ways.

In a natural landscape without development, stormwater is absorbed into the ground by soil (infiltration) or falls into bodies of water like lakes and oceans. Prior to urban development, most stormwater was in this category.

In an urban landscape, stormwater falls onto impervious surfaces (surfaces that do not absorb water) such as roads, piers, sidewalks, rooftops, or parking lots. As a result, the falling water flows across roads and other impervious surfaces as runoff. Stormwater runoff plays a significant role in local water pollution. As runoff flows across impervious surfaces, it picks up pollutants and carries them into local waterways, such as the Puget Sound.

We can focus on reducing the pollutants that are carried by stormwater, such as maintaining good housekeeping and implementing low impact development (LID) for construction projects. By keeping harmful metals and other pollutants covered from stormwater, we can help to reduce our impact on our local waterways and the Puget Sound.

Stormwater 101: Keep It Clean!



From our Multi Sector General Permit (MSGP)

Good Housekeeping. You must keep clean all exposed areas that are potential sources of pollutants. You must perform good housekeeping measures in order to minimize pollutant discharges, including but not limited to, the following:

Sweep or vacuum at regular intervals or, alternatively, wash down the area and collect and/or treat, and properly dispose of the washdown water;

Store materials in appropriate containers;

Keep all dumpster lids closed when not in use. For dumpsters and roll off boxes that do not have lids and could leak, ensure that discharges have a control (e.g., secondary containment, treatment).

Minimize the potential for waste, garbage and floatable debris to be discharged by keeping exposed areas free of such materials, or by intercepting them before they are discharged.

Environmental Policy and Plans as well as previous Newsletters are located at:

<https://cnrnw.cnic.navy.mil/Installations/NS-Everett/Operations-and Management/Environmental-Support-and-Compliance/>

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Recycling



Notice for refuse and recycling services starting 12 Dec 2022:

- Services suspended**
Food waste: All tenants are directed to dispose of food scraps via the normal trash bins.
Mixed recycling: All tenants are directed to dispose of their mixed recycling products (paper, plastics, cans, etc.) via the normal trash bins
- Services adjusted**
Wood: ISW will continue to accept limited wood products. Users must schedule an appointment to bring over materials and may be asked to assist in loading scrap wood into bins/dumpsters.
- No change to services**
 Exterior trash dumpsters (green)
 Exterior cardboard dumpsters (blue)
 Metal dumpsters

REDUCE: DON'T OVERDO IT!

Studies show about 40% of U.S. food goes to waste. Scale your cooking plans to fit your needs and/or cook food that you enjoy as leftovers. Also, use your good dinnerware and minimize the use of plastic, paper and foam. The planet will appreciate your extra effort!

REUSE: MAKE YOUR OWN DECORATIONS!

Instead of buying ornaments, cards, wreaths, décor for around the house, make them! Try reusing cardboard, paper, finding some plants, leave or flowers outside and get creative. It is an especially great activity for kids!



MS4 Education Materials

A large part of our MS4 Stormwater Permit is public outreach and education. You will notice some outdoor stormwater signage and indoor postings around the base which is meant to educate and remind base personnel of the Navy's commitment to stormwater compliance. The intent is to provide positive reinforcement as well as provide our contact information for reporting spills. Our program has both the pictured magnets available for posting on refrigerators in your command. If a command representative would like to come by and pick some up, please let us know so we can arrange a time to meet you. Please help us keep these magnets attached to refrigerators and postings posted. EWCCs are our conduit to the tenant commands on base, and your support of our environmental programs goes a long way in ensuring your command's understanding and compliance. If you need additional magnets or replacements, please let us know.

