

# What is stormwater? Where does it go?

The stormwater system carries rain from your home, garden or business through downpipes and street drains, to the nearest wetland, creek or river.



Many materials carried within the stormwater system can pollute our local waterways because it is not treated like sewage.



什麼是雨水？它流到哪裡去？您該怎麼辦？

雨水排放系統將您的住房、花園或企業的雨水通過落水管和街道排水管排放到就近的濕地、小溪或河流。

許多東西進入雨水排放系統後會污染我們的水道，因為雨水排放系統的水不像污水那樣經過處理。

保持水道清潔其實不難 - 只要您保持雨水排放系統不受花園垃圾、化學品、機油和洗潔劑的污染。



**Cos'è l'acqua piovana? Dove va a finire?  
Cosa potete fare voi?**

Il sistema dell'acqua piovana porta la pioggia dalla vostra casa, giardino o attività commerciale lungo canali pluviali e scoli stradali, fino alla più vicina palude, ruscello o fiume.

Parecchio materiale incanalato nel sistema dell'acqua piovana potrebbe contaminare i corsi d'acqua locale perché non viene trattato come il sistema di fognatura.

È facile tenere il sistema dell'acqua piovana pulito – da parte vostra basta proteggere il sistema dell'acqua piovana da inquinamento dovuto a rifiuti del giardino, prodotti chimici, olio di autovetture e detersivi.

**Τι είναι τα όμβρια ύδατα; Πού πηγαίνουν; Τι μπορείτε να κάνετε εσείς;**

Το δίκτυο ομβρίων υδάτων μεταφέρει τα βροχόνερα από το σπίτι, κήπο ή επιχείρησή σας μέσα απ' τα λούκια και φρέατα των δρόμων στον πλησιέστερο υδρότοπο, παραπόταμο ή ποτάμι.

Πολλά υλικά που μεταφέρονται μέσα στο δίκτυο ομβρίων υδάτων μπορεί να μοιάζουν τα τοπικά κανάλια επειδή τα νερά των βροχών δεν υποβάλλονται σε επεξεργασία όπως η αποχέτευση.

Η διατήρηση της καθαριότητας των καναλιών μας είναι εύκολη – το μόνο που χρειάζεται να κάνετε είναι να προστατεύετε το δίκτυο ομβρίων υδάτων από μολυσματικά υλικά όπως σκουπίδια, χημικά, μηχανέλαια και απορρυπαντικά.



## Protect our local waterways from stormwater pollution



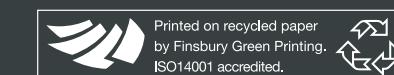
To learn more about stormwater please access the following resources:

**City of Monash:** Ph: 03 9518 3555  
**EPA Victoria:** Ph: 03 9695 2722  
**Melbourne Water:** Ph: 131 722

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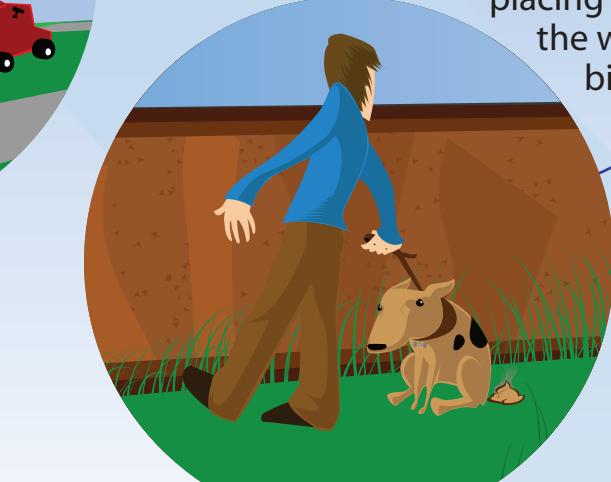


# What can **YOU** do to protect our local waterways?

Pollution entering the stormwater system threatens the livelihoods of our local waterways.

Our creeks and wetlands provide habitat for birds, frogs and other animals and act as a natural filter for small amounts of pollution in the water.

Compost or place your garden clippings in the green-waste bin instead of pushing it down the drain



Prevent detergent entering the drain by washing your car on the lawn.

Please think about your actions at home, work and in public places before impacting our local waterways.



Paint out any excess paint onto an absorbent material such as an old rag or newspaper. Allow the paint to dry, then dispose of it with the rest of your household waste.