



## Report a Problem

To report spills, illegal discharges, illicit connections, or local emergencies related to the storm drain system or the sanitary sewer system, send a message to [Reno.Gov/RenoDirect](http://Reno.Gov/RenoDirect) or call:

### City of Reno

Reno Direct: (775) 334-INFO (4636)  
After Hours Emergency: (775) 722-4660

### City of Sparks, Spanish Springs and Sun Valley

Environmental Control: (775) 861-4152  
After Hours Emergency: (775) 691-9227

### State of Nevada

Nevada Department of Environmental Protection (NDEP)  
24/7 Hotline: 888-331-6337

### Unincorporated Washoe County

Washoe311: 311 or (775) 328-2003



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[TMStormwater.com](http://TMStormwater.com)

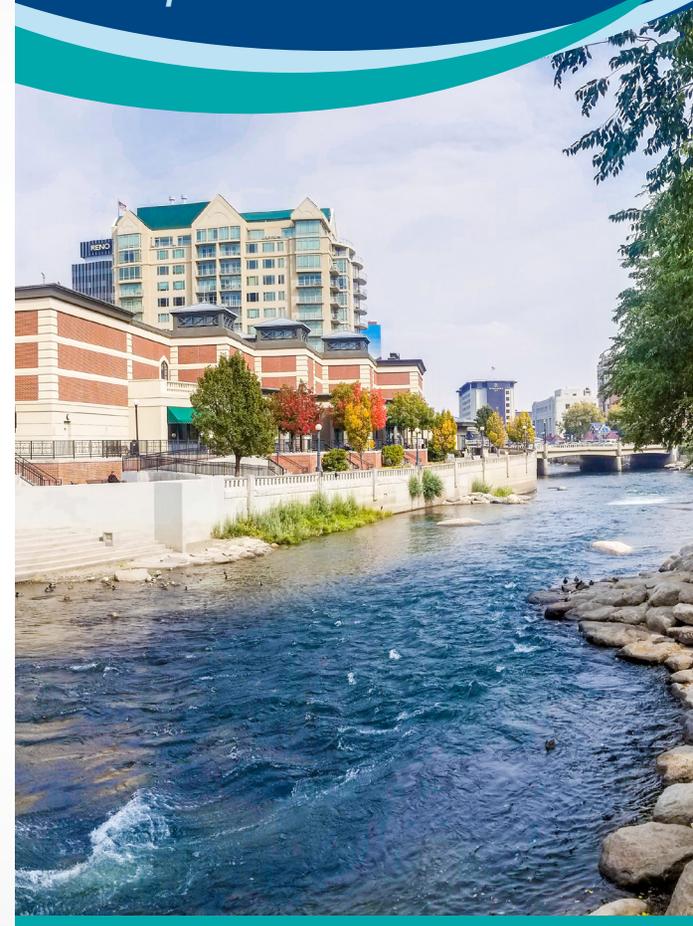
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# PREVENT LOCAL STORMWATER POLLUTION

*Keep our Truckee River Clean!*



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## How can I prevent pollution?

To reduce your impact on the river, consider adapting the following five easy guidelines:



### 1 Proper home auto maintenance

- Clean up spills
- Use a car wash
- Dispose of fluids and waste properly
- Prevent leaks by keeping car well-maintained



### 2 Dispose of home chemicals properly

- See disposal guide at: [KTMB.org](http://KTMB.org)



### 3 Improve garden & lawn maintenance

- Conserve landscape irrigation
- Don't overwater - No urban slobber!
- Avoid raking/blowing leaves into street
- Don't over-fertilize and use organic fertilizer



### 4 Pick up after pets

- Do your part and pick it up!



### 5 Avoid & report prohibited discharges

- Sediment runoff from construction sites
- Commercial or residential car wash wastewater
- Sewer overflows
- Dumping of liquid waste, such as:
  - Chlorinated pool water
  - Water softener brine backwash
  - Reclaimed or recycled water

Visit [TMStormwater.com](http://TMStormwater.com) for more detailed information on these guidelines.

Also, look for prohibited discharges or other concerning activity that may enter the storm drain system and contact the agencies listed on this pamphlet. Once contacted, we will send an inspector to investigate the problem.

**Remember, only rain in the stormdrain!**

## What is the storm drain system?

### Just look out your door!

The municipal storm drain system is made up all infrastructure that transmits stormwater, including: **curb and gutters, inlets, pipes, ditches, and channels.**

Untreated stormwater flows into the local creeks and into the Truckee River. When a storm hits, storm drains carry concentrated pollution that can cause long-term chemical buildup in the river, which leads into Pyramid Lake.



## TRUCKEE RIVER FACTS



### Drinking water

80% of TMWA customer's drinking water is supplied by the Truckee River.



### Pyramid Lake - the river's terminus

The Truckee River flows into Pyramid Lake, a one-of-a-kind inland desert lake, with world-class fishing. This lake is also sensitive to pollution.



### Diverse ecosystem

Mammals, birds, fish, amphibians, plants & insects species are all part of the river's ecosystem.



### Ecosystem is sensitive to pollution

The Truckee River's ecosystem is highly sensitive to pollutants, including pesticides, herbicides, and other hazardous chemicals. These pollutants can get humans sick, too.

