



Professional Landscaping

Landscape management can increase polluted storm runoff by moving soil, removing vegetation, watering and applying fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.

Stormwater contaminants include toxic organic compounds, heavy metals, oils, suspended solids, bacteria, fertilizers and pesticides. Lawn and vegetation management can include the control of objectionable weeds, insects, mold and bacteria.

Professionals can reduce polluted storm runoff through an Integrated Pest Management Plan that considers cultural, mechanical, biological and chemical control methods. Best Management Practices can also save time and money while reducing water pollution.

Here are some tips to follow:

- Clean up the job site when work is complete. Sweep up dirt, fertilizers, mulch, clippings and debris for disposal or composting.
- Clean tools and equipment on lawns or landscaped areas.
- Sweep excess fertilizer, herbicide or lawn clippings onto lawns and landscaped areas (never to the street, sidewalk or hard surfaces).
- Dispose of chipped vegetation only at a permitted composting facility.
- Keep water on the landscape, not on hard surfaces.



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