

STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION



Cadence Communities is committed to promoting a clean and sustainable living environment for all residents. In line with federal, state, and installation storm water requirements, we would like to remind you about the importance of adhering to environmental management protection provisions.

What is storm water runoff and why is it important?

Storm water runoff is water from rain or snowmelt that does not soak into the ground. Impervious surfaces like driveways, streets, and parking lots prevent storm water from naturally soaking into the ground. As it travels, storm water has the potential to pick up trash, chemicals, and other pollutants which are dumped directly into our area creeks and streams without the benefit of treatment. This type of pollution has the potential to create health hazards, harm aquatic life, cause algal blooms, and even impact the quality of drinking water. Protecting our local water sources starts with you!

Dispose of Hazardous Materials Properly

Products like gasoline, motor oil, antifreeze, paint, and household cleaners can pollute water if they are not disposed of properly. Use and dispose of harmful materials properly and consider nonhazardous products when possible. Do not pour grease, oil, or fat down the drain as this may cause a sewer overflow that impacts storm drains. Wipe grease residue from pots and pans with a paper towel and discard it in the trash. Wash your car at a carwash or use the lawn or gravel when possible. This allows the ground to neutralize the soap and grime before it enters storm drains. Keep your car well maintained and fix any fluid leaks promptly, making sure to clean up any spills.

For information on safe disposal for hazardous materials, contact the Environmental Management Division at your location:

Ft. Buchanan - (787) 707-3575 or (787) 707-3522

Hunter Liggett - (831) 386-2514

Ft. McCoy - (502) 898-4357

Natick - (508) 206-4144

Rock Island - (309) 782-3456

Tobyhanna - (570) 894-8490

Pet Waste Management

It is crucial to clean up after your pets promptly. Always use a plastic bag or other appropriate waste disposal method to collect and dispose of pet waste in designated trash containers. Pet waste contains harmful bacteria that can contaminate storm water if not disposed of properly.

Litter and Yard Waste Control

Dispose of all trash, including cigarette butts, wrappers, and other debris, in designated trash receptacles. Please ensure that yard waste, such as grass clippings, leaves, and branches, is properly contained and disposed of in designated yard waste bins or bags. Avoid sweeping or blowing yard waste or litter into storm drains or ditches, as they can lead to blockages and pollute the storm water conveyance systems.

Avoid Polluting Storm Water Conveyance Systems

Please refrain from dumping any pollutants, chemicals, oil, or hazardous materials into storm drains, ditches, or any other areas that directly or indirectly connect to our storm water conveyance systems. If you observe obstructed stormwater inlets in your area, please report these issues to the Military Housing Office. Properly dispose of these substances according to your installation's regulations or seek guidance from the Environmental Management Division at your Cadence location. If you witness dumping or pouring of any non-storm water material into a storm drain, please contact your Military Housing Office.

By complying with these environmental management protection provisions, you contribute to the preservation of our community's water resources and natural surroundings. Together, we can create a healthier and more sustainable living environment for everyone.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Environmental Management Division at your Cadence Communities location.

