

# SUMMER STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Here are some tips for managing stormwater on your property this summer:

- 1) **Wash your car at a car wash.** When you wash your car on the driveway or the street, grease, soap and oil can wash into streams and creeks.
- 2) **Never dump anything down stormwater drains.** Remember that storm drains empty directly into local waterways without being treated so whatever enters storm drains will flow into streams and creeks.
- 3) **Direct downspouts over porous, not paved surfaces.** Where possible, direct downspouts into garden beds, your lawn or consider installing a rain barrel.
- 4) **Raise your mower height.** Raising your mower height to at least 3 inches will slow of the flow of water over your lawn and allow it to absorb more rain water.

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