



Help Protect the  
City of Temple's  
Waterways



# City of Temple Stormwater Program

## Stormwater Information for Construction Activities

(Less than 1 acre that is not  
part of a larger plan)

For additional information contact  
the Stormwater Program office  
(254) 298-5625

<http://www.templetx.gov/stormwater>

Please think about your actions during construction activities and how they may impact our waterways

When it rains, stormwater picks up trash, chemicals, materials and soil from construction activities where they reach our lakes, rivers, creeks and streams

Why is it important to protect our waterways?

Wildlife use these bodies of water to live in and for food and water.

They can become sick from pollution that travels with the storm water.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 40% of all U.S. waters are not fishable or swimmable

## What is construction?

Includes but not limited to:

- Soil Disturbance
- Clearing
- Grading
- Stockpiling
- Demolition
- Construction Support Activity (chemical and equipment storage, rock crushers, material storage, etc.)
- Utility Installation

## What do I need to do?

### Apply for your permit

Projects less than 1 acre and are NOT part of a larger common plan of development must apply for a City of Temple Permit

### Don't Leave it behind

Don't leave your trash or waste on the construction site such as:

- Bricks
- Rebar
- Empty boxes
- Insulation
- Nails
- Electrical
- Wiring
- Empty buckets
- Concrete
- Wood
- Plasterboard
- Paper
- Bottles
- Drums
- Tires

### Store it properly

Chemicals can enter into the environment if they are not stored properly. This includes:

- Paints
- Oils
- Roofing Tar
- Herbicides
- Soaps
- Thinners
- Epoxy
- Sealers
- Fuels
- Solvents
- Concrete Curing Compounds
- Concrete Release Compounds
- Pesticides
- Mortar Mixes

## What about the dirt?

**Sediment is the number one pollutant of the nations rivers and lakes**

Too much sediment can:

- Cloud the water and make it difficult or impossible for aquatic plants to receive the sunlight they need to grow.
- Smothers aquatic habitat, clogs fish gills, and impedes navigation in our waterways
- Fills gravel spaces and smothers fish eggs and juvenile fish.
- Carry nutrients that can cause algae blooms



**IMPORTANT:**  
Disposing of liquid or trash into a storm drain is considered illegal dumping

