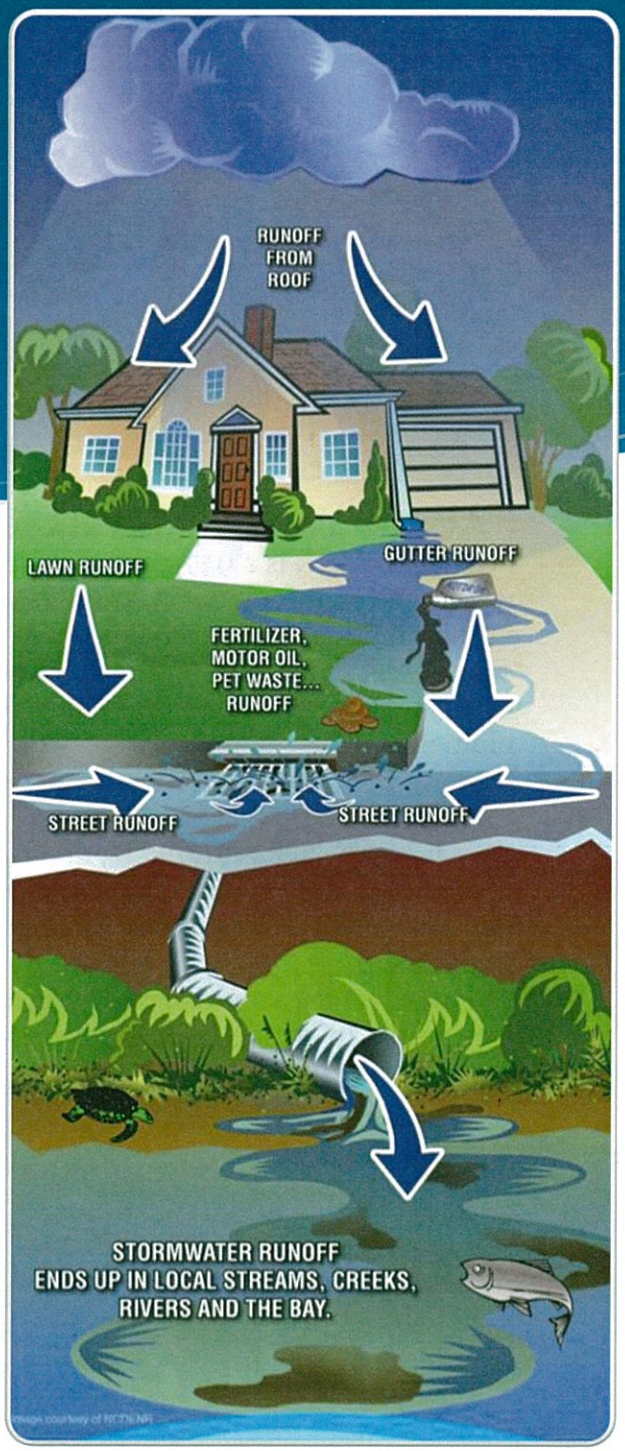
What is Stormwater?

Stormwater Information Sheet

Fountain Creek Watershed Flood Control and Greenway District

Serving as the voice of the waterways
and the creatures that use and enjoy them

- Stormwater runoff is generated when rain or melted snow flows over land or hard surfaces and does not absorb into the ground.
- As it flows, runoff picks up speed and pollutants that can be harmful to land, property, water quality and safety.



Did you know...

- Sediment from stormwater runoff can make it difficult for aquatic plants to get sunlight and can destroy aquatic habitats.
- The excess of nutrients from stormwater runoff can create algae blooms which decompose in a way that removes oxygen from the water, killing fish and other organisms.
- Litter collected by stormwater runoff can choke or disable aquatic animals like ducks, fish, turtles and birds.

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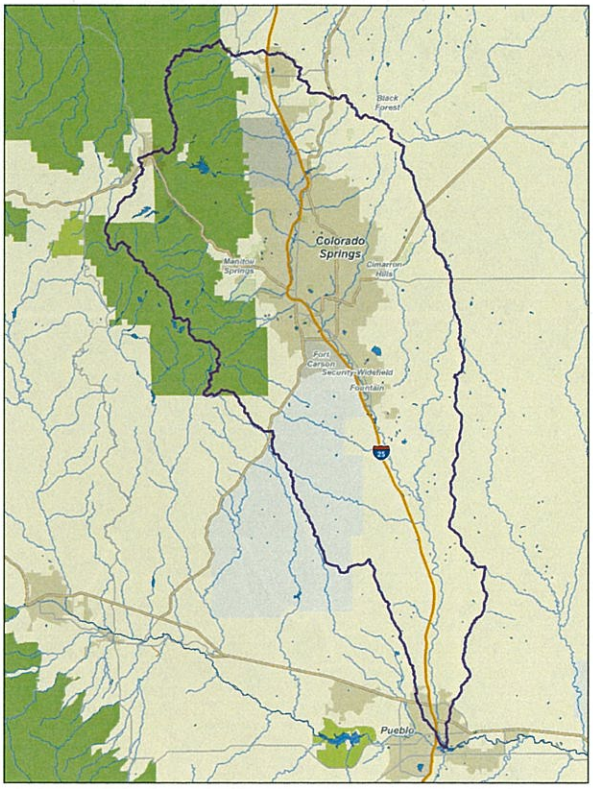
Stormwater in our Region

Fountain Creek Watershed



About Your Watershed

- Fountain Creek is a 927-square mile watershed that includes 3 counties and 8 municipalities.
- The elevation ranges 14,000 to 4,600 feet in our watershed from Pikes Peak to the plains.
- Foutain Creek is a watershed of extremes: Elevation, precipitation, soil types, temperature, steep gradients, diverse ecosystems and diverse water uses make our watershed a challenging environment to manage.
- These extremes are exacerbated by recent forest fires in Waldo Canyon (2012) and Black Forest (2013).

NO DUMPING
DRAINS TO WATERWAYS

How to Manage your Runoff

- Wash your car on the lawn or at a carwash
- Never litter, and pick it up when you see it
- Pick up after your pet
- Plant a tree
- Direct gutters to green areas (not sidewalks and driveways)
- Reduce chemical use – better yet, go organic
- Build a rain garden

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