



## Don't Drip and Drive

Fix car leaks to keep oil and gas from entering storm drains and flowing into our streams, rivers and Lake Erie!

### Gas Stain Removal

If the stains are fresh, pour an absorbent material on them, such as clay-type cat litter, sand, baking soda, or commercial absorbents found at auto-supply stores.

Carefully remove and dispose of the gas or oil-soaked material in an old coffee can with a lid.

Scrub any remaining stains with a paste of liquid or powdered dishwasher detergent and water, let stand for a few minutes, then rinse.



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## STORMWATER

## SPREAD IT OUT

## SINK IT IN



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Educating the public on our impact on Lake Erie

### What is Stormwater?

It's any natural precipitation that doesn't soak into the ground where it falls. When rain hits the hard, impervious surfaces associated with modern life (driveways, sidewalks, streets, rooftops, parking lots) it is channeled toward stormwater drainage systems or streams.

### Stormwater Runoff Problems

- Large volumes of water can overwhelm storm drains and cause localized flooding.
- Runoff gathers sediment and pollutants, which can wind up in natural waterways.
- Water that doesn't soak into soil can't recharge local groundwater sources.

The EPA mantra for stormwater runoff management is: *slow it down, spread it out, soak it in.*

### Rain Garden

Rain Gardens are a good and inexpensive way of alleviating flooding issues caused by runoff or heavy downpours.



Download a Rain Garden Manual for Homeowner from the Lorain County StormWater Management District website .

<https://stormwater.loraincounty.us/raingardenmanual>



### Soak up the Rain: Rain Barrels



Rain barrels capture water from a roof and hold it for later use such as on lawns, gardens or indoor plants.

Collecting roof runoff in rain barrels reduces the amount of water that flows from your property.

It is a great way to conserve water and it's free water for use in your landscape.