

## Stormwater Program



In the early 1990's, the Federal Clean Water Act required municipalities with populations greater than 100,000 (including areas municipal separate storm sewers located within the boundaries of a region defined by a storm water management regional authority based on a jurisdictional, watershed, or other appropriate basis that includes one or more of the systems) to apply for and obtain a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for their stormwater discharges.

In Oregon, this program was delegated to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

As a result, DEQ directed six Oregon jurisdictions and associated co-permittees to apply for and obtain a municipal NPDES stormwater permit. Clackamas County was one of the jurisdictions required to obtain an NPDES permit, and the City of Lake Oswego is one of the 13 co-permittees on the Clackamas County permit. City of Lake Oswego received their NPDES stormwater permit from DEQ in 1995. The NPDES Permit has subsequently been renewed in 2004 and in 2012.

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[Make Your Own Household Cleaners](#)

### **Buy, Use, and Dispose of Household Products Wisely to Help Protect Our Water**

The products you use for cleaning contain ingredients that may harm you, your family and the environment. Using household products incorrectly can allow dangerous chemicals to enter Oregon's streams and rivers.

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## [Stormwater Permits, Plans and Reports](#)

The City of Lake Oswego's obligations toward our stormwater permit ("municipal separate storm sewer" or MS4) and related water quality ("total maximum daily load" or TMDL) are outlined in a number of plans and progress reports, provided as Supporting Documents. These Supporting Documents are prepared by the City in response to the MS4 permit and TMDL analyses.

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## [Education and Outreach](#)

Stormwater runoff is generated from dispersed land surfaces including pavements, yards, driveways, and roofs. Therefore, efforts to control stormwater pollution must consider individual, household, and public behaviors and activities that can generate pollution. **It takes individual behavior changes and proper practices to control stormwater pollution.**

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### [Erosion Control Permit and Information](#)

Lake Oswego is committed to protecting the environment of the city and the surrounding area through its Surface Water Management Utility. In an effort to further protect our water sources, Erosion Control Permits are required for construction projects under any of the following circumstances:

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### [Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Program](#)

In an effort to proactively keep illicit discharges from happening, the City implements a program of inspections, dry weather field screening, and monitoring to detect any potential illicit discharges to the Stormwater System.

We have received reports of a number of illicit or improper discharges recently, including:

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### [Industrial and Commercial Facilities](#)

The City of Lake Oswego has developed an inventory of all industrial and commercial sources of stormwater discharge in the City.

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## [Pollution Prevention for Municipal Operations](#)

The City of Lake Oswego conducts a variety of activities focused on the prevention of typical stormwater pollutants (sediment, hydrocarbons, trash and debris, nutrients, metals) from entering the MS4 system. Such activities include the maintenance and repair of City streets; the maintenance of public parks and recreational areas with the intent of minimizing fertilizer and pesticide use; the...

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## [Post-Construction Site Runoff](#)

The City of Lake Oswego Planning, Public Works, and Building divisions share review responsibilities for development applications.

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## [Public Involvement and Participation](#)

The City provides opportunities for public participation in the development, implementation, and modification of the policies, practices, procedures, and codes that comprise the City's Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) and pollutant load reduction benchmark development.

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### [Structural Stormwater Facilities and Controls -Operation and Maintenance](#)

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