

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO STOP POLLUTED RUNOFF!

Remember, clean water is important to all of us. It provides recreation, fish habitat, drinking water, and adds beauty to our State. All of us benefit, and all of us have a role in keeping our lakes, rivers, and groundwater clean.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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Stormwater Information and Complaints
(501) 569-2281
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Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality
www.adeq.state.ar.us

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Stormwater Website

www.epa.gov/npdes/npdes-stormwater-program

ARDOT Litter Hotline (toll-free)
1-866-811-1222



For additional information on ARDOT programs designed to enhance our State highways such as Adopt-A-Highway or the ARDOT Wildflower Program, visit our website.

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STOP THE TRAVEL OF STORMWATER POLLUTION

WHEREVER YOU GO...
KEEP THE NATURAL STATE CLEAN





“STORMWATER RUNOFF POLLUTION
 is a leading cause of water quality
 problems and the primary reason many
 of our waters are still considered unfit
 for swimming and fishing.”

— U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

WHAT IS STORMWATER RUNOFF?

Stormwater runoff is surface water flow from precipitation that does not seep into the ground. The runoff carries potential pollutants from the surrounding landscape and roadways into waterways from culverts, pipes, and ditches.

WHAT MAKES STORMWATER HARMFUL?

When it rains, stormwater flows over streets, fields, lawns, and buildings carrying pollutants such as, fertilizers, litter, oil, pet feces, pesticides, and sediment into Arkansas lakes and streams. These pollutants can harm fish and wildlife populations, impact drinking water supplies, and make recreation areas unsafe and unpleasant.

HOW DOES ARDOT PROTECT WATER QUALITY?

ARDOT must comply with federal and state water quality laws. These laws require ARDOT to have permits for discharging stormwater runoff from our stormwater drainage systems, construction sites, and industrial sites.



Filter socks in the ditchline are used to capture and treat stormwater runoff.

ARDOT POLLUTION PREVENTION MEASURES INCLUDE:

- Implementing pollution prevention plans on ARDOT projects
- Using construction BMPs (Best Management Practices):
 - Limit disturbed area
 - Timely seeding and mulching of disturbed areas
 - Maintain vegetative buffers near waterbodies
 - Install perimeter protection
 - Construct check dams to slow water and settle sediment
 - Detain sediment laden water in basins
- Employing post-construction stormwater management practices
- Routine litter pick-ups and maintenance on highways and right of way ditches
- Supporting Adopt-A-Highway and Keep Arkansas Beautiful
- Maintaining a litter hotline

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

A pollution permit or treatment plant cannot solve stormwater pollution because stormwater runoff comes from multiple sources throughout a watershed. To make a positive impact in your area, you can:

- **DISPOSE OF TRASH PROPERLY**
 Trash and recycling bins are available for appropriate disposal at Welcome Centers and Rest Areas throughout the state.
- **MAINTAIN YOUR VEHICLE**
 Regularly check for drips or leaks. When repairing a vehicle never dump fluids on the ground, down a storm drain, or in a ditch.
- **PICK UP AFTER YOUR PETS**
 Pet waste contains bacteria that can contaminate surface water.
- **PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAYS**
 Adopt-A-Highway and Keep Arkansas Beautiful clean up days.
- **REPORT LITTERING**
 Call toll-free 1-866-811-1222.

THE ARKANSAS
 DEPARTMENT OF
 TRANSPORTATION
 WILL DO ITS PART...
 PLEASE DO YOURS.

