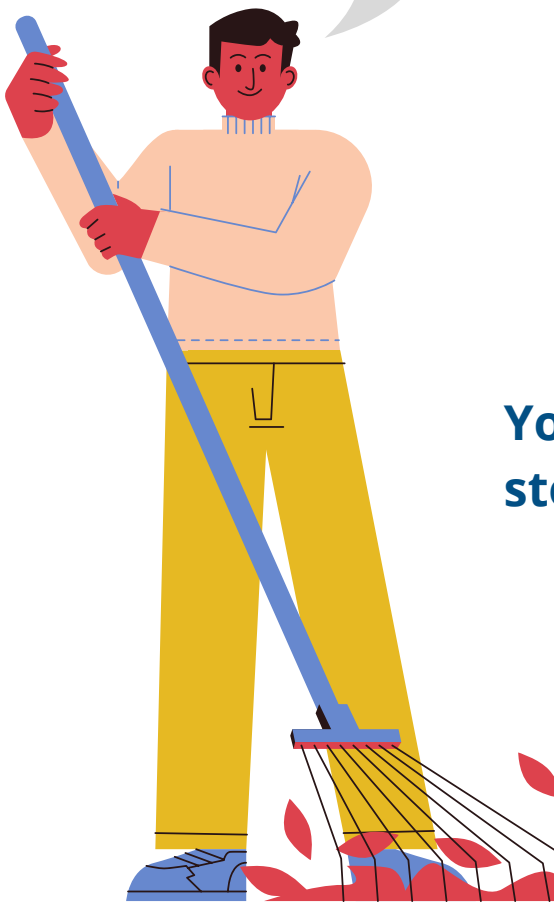




Taking proper care of your yard can keep Nampa's waterways clean

Keeping Nampa's water bodies clean and safe is important for the health of our community.



Some of our everyday activities, such as lawn care, can contribute to the pollution of Nampa's waterways. Over watering, over fertilizing, not picking up debris, and mowing your yard too frequently, can lead to the pollution of Nampa's stormwater. When excess fertilizers, pesticides, leaves, and grass clippings wash out of our yards and flow directly into storm drains, this can cause pollution. All storm drains in Nampa lead directly to groundwater and local water bodies such as Indian Creek, Mason Creek, Wilson Drain and the Boise River. Polluted stormwater affects public health, harms fish and wildlife, kills vegetation, contaminates wells and local water bodies, and makes Nampa's waterways unsafe for swimming or fishing.

You can reduce pollution going to our storm drains using these simple changes.

- Follow the manufacturer's directions when applying fertilizer and avoid applying fertilizers before a large rain storm.
- Water your lawn only when needed.
- Re-plant bare areas to avoid soil erosion.
- Use phosphorus-free fertilizer on your lawn.
- Adjust sprinklers to prevent irrigation water from ending up on streets, sidewalks or driveways.
- Bag-up yard waste (e.g. leaves or grass clippings) for pickup by garbage collection or donation.

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