



**STORMWATER**  
DIVISION

## Maintaining Hot Springs' Water Quality

### A Guide for Landscapers and Landscape Maintenance



*“Only Rain Down  
the Drain”*

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## *Did You Know?*

The City's storm drain system conveys stormwater runoff directly to the creeks in Hot Springs, and ultimately into Lake Hamilton with no filtration at all. Leaves, grass clippings, fertilizers and pesticides can do great harm to aquatic life. It is a violation of city ordinance to allow any landscape chemical or debris to discharge into the storm drain.

- When you mow, mow often and leave the clippings on the ground. They will keep moisture in and provide nutrients to the soil.
- Never sweep or blow leaves and grass clippings into the street. The next rain will wash the debris into storm drains and is a violation.
- Rake or sweep leaves and grass clippings into a bag and then compost or dispose of properly.
- Never allow any pesticides, yard wastes, or fertilizers to be washed down or put into a storm drain.
- Do not over apply pesticides and fertilizers. Follow directions and use judiciously. Pull weeds by hand when possible.
- If the property is next to a creek or water body never dispose of yard wastes or blow yard wastes into the water.

**Together we can keep Arkansas's creeks  
and rivers the most beautiful in the  
country !**