



Be water wise.

A large orange excavator with a hydraulic breaker attachment is demolishing a brick and concrete structure. A large cloud of orange dust is rising from the base of the demolition. The background is a clear, bright sky.

Demolition

STORMWATER
Division



Maintaining Hot Springs' Water Quality

The city's storm drain system conveys unfiltered stormwater runoff directly into Hot Springs' creeks, and ultimately into Lake Hamilton. Hazardous chemicals, dirt and debris from demolition work can wash into drains during rain events and cause great harm to aquatic life. Anything other than approved non-stormwater discharges, that enters into the storm drain system is illicit and is a violation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Water Act and city ordinance.

Safe demolition practices

Analyze the topography of the demolition site to determine where water would flow during a rain event. Install barriers to ensure that waste materials are not being discharged from the site.

If possible, install barriers, such as silt fence or equivalent, prior to beginning demolition work. Barriers are required if demolished debris is not immediately removed from the site.

Storm drains near the demolition site must be protected. Contact the Stormwater Division for approved methods.

Remove demolished material as soon as possible. Barriers must be maintained until all debris is removed.

Upon removal of debris and barriers, clean up the area and stabilize any exposed soil with grass or rock.

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

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