



Be water wise.

*Landscaping
Maintenance*

**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. Leaves, grass clippings, fertilizers and pesticides can do great harm to aquatic life. Anything that enters into the storm drain system is considered illicit and is a violation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Water Act and city ordinance.

What homeowners and landscape professionals can do to help

Mow often, and leave clippings on the ground. They will retain moisture and provide nutrients to the soil.

Avoid sweeping or blowing landscape debris into the street. The next rain can wash it into the storm drains. Rake or sweep the debris into a bag, for composting or curbside pickup.

Never allow any pesticides, yard waste, or fertilizer to enter a storm drain.

Avoid the overuse of pesticides and fertilizers. Follow directions and use judiciously. Pull weeds by hand when possible.

If the property is adjacent to a water body, do not deposit or blow yard wastes into the water.

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

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