



# Drains to Streams

Storm drains provide an important function, helping remove stormwater from City streets. It's important that only rain goes down storm drains. This is because stormwater runoff goes directly to rivers, untreated. Pollutants such as oil or trash that get picked up by stormwater runoff flow directly to local waterways.

The map above shows the path of stormwater that enters the UpStream Art storm drains in downtown Springfield. Water flows from the streets into these storm drains where it is carried, untreated, to a waterway in Island Park. From there, the water flows into the Willamette River.

What happens on our City streets directly impacts our local water quality. It's every day actions that help prevent water pollution.