



PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION



Classroom Training

A classroom education program has been developed to educate students on stormwater related issues. The curriculum is designed to establish what a watershed is and why it is important to protect it from pollution. It is full of fun learning activities and helpful tips. Contact a Stormwater Management employee if you are interested in participating.

Presentations

Informational presentations are given throughout the community designed to increase awareness of stormwater management. The presentations feature fun professional talks that are specifically tailored to the audience. Contact a Stormwater Management employee if you are interested in scheduling a presentation.

Signs, Billboards and Public Service Announcements

A wide range of signs, billboards and public service announcements are used to publicize stormwater impacts, promote educational events and activities, advertise web sites and recruit community volunteers. These are professionally designed to be eye-catching and memorable. Contact a Stormwater Management employee if you have questions or comments regarding the stormwater signs, billboards or public service announcements.

Stormwater Hotline

City of Lawton has a stormwater hotline for reporting potential violations. The hotline provides citizens with an avenue to voice concerns and report violations to the appropriate authorities. The hotline number is (580)581-3467. This number is toll free and active 24 hours a day. Stormwater personnel will respond to and investigate all hotline calls.

Household Chemical Disposal

Many common household products contain potentially hazardous chemicals. Improper disposal of these household hazardous wastes into the sanitary sewer or storm drain system can pose significant risks to human health and the environment. Some of the more common household products containing hazardous chemicals include oven cleaners, paints and solvents, insect sprays, weed killers, drain cleaners, motor oil, gasoline and antifreeze. The first line of defense against improper disposal of household hazardous waste is through public education. Many residents are unaware of the hazards associated with these products and methods for proper disposal. The City currently hosts one clean-up day per year for residents to dispose of batteries, oil, tires and refrigerants. The City also maintains a recycling collection center at the landfill for these materials. Contact a Stormwater Management employee if you have questions or comments regarding household chemical disposal.

Plan Review and Construction Inspection

The City of Lawton currently reviews construction plans, including erosion control and grading plans. The City utilizes a review checklist that includes drainage quantity considerations as well as compliance with the City's erosion control ordinance. The City inspects all construction projects that disturb greater than one acre of earth. The City utilizes an inspection checklist that includes drainage, erosion control and stormwater control measures. Contact a Stormwater Management employee if you have questions or comments regarding plan review or construction inspection.



Remember to clean up all spills when they happen! If building materials or other wastes get into a gutter, storm drain, or creek call Stormwater Hotline immediately at (580) 581-3565.