

## Winter Stormwater

Living in northeast Ohio, we have all learned to appreciate the beauty of the freshly-fallen snow. But once the dirty snow starts to melt, it is not so pretty any more and can harm our area streams. When snow that is full of salt, cinders, and trash melts and flows down the storm drain, it is considered stormwater pollution. Do your part to prevent stormwater pollution this winter. Try to fix leaks on your car and take your car to a commercial car wash to wash all the salt and dirt away. Throw your garbage and trash in the garbage can, not onto the ground. Lastly, only use as much salt as necessary and try not to over do it. Use salt alternatives and sweep up any extra material after each snow event. Remember, anything in the street that washes down a storm drain flows directly to our lakes and streams, untreated. Help us prevent stormwater pollution! For more information, contact the Lake County Stormwater Management Department at 350-5900 or visit [www.lakecountyohio.org/smd](http://www.lakecountyohio.org/smd).