

Soak it up.

Keep our water clean.

Native landscaping
Raingardens
Trees
Rainbarrels

Is your stormwater out of control?

Keep your raindrops where they fall.

Low-impact development keeps rainfall on site and pollution out of our lakes, rivers, and streams.

The MPCA can help:

- Case studies
- Sample ordinances and comprehensive plan language
- Innovative stormwater controls to avoid TMDLs

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A Garden for Rain

A rain garden helps rain and snowmelt soak in before it runs into a stream, river, or nearby lake or river.

When heavy rain falls on hard surfaces like roofs or pavement, lots of water runs into nearby storm sewers, then into lakes and rivers, carrying pollution (pesticides and debris).

Rain gardens allow rain to filter naturally into the ground through special plants that have deep roots — as much as 15 feet! These super-deep roots suck up water at an amazing rate.

How it works:
A rain garden is a shallow depression in the yard that collects runoff from roofs, driveways, and parking areas.

Reduced garden bed helps water sink into the ground.
Deep roots help pull water into the earth.

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Get the lead out!

Loons and eagles sometimes eat fish that have swallowed lead tackle.

Lead-free tackle box

These sinkers and jigs are safer for wildlife, yet effective for fishing.

Which color will kids be coloring lakes in the future?

The Problem? Stormwater Runoff

The Solution? Reduce Stormwater Runoff

It's about the future. It's about clean water. Since most land is privately owned, it's up to you.