



Renew Our Waters

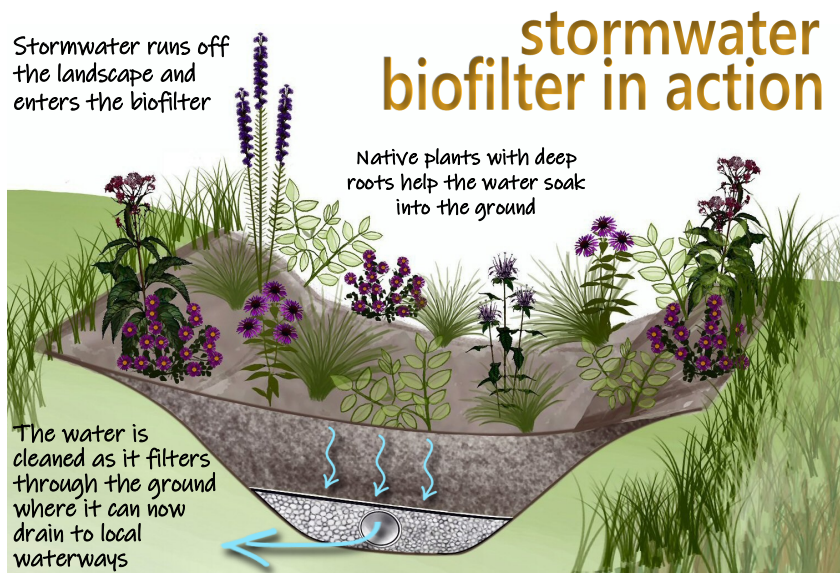
Every choice counts.

STORMWATER BIOFILTERS FOR CLEAN WATER

Found on both public and private property, these stormwater features add beauty to the landscape while working to protect our water resources.

Vegetated swales, also known as bioswales or biofilters, are sloped, low-lying areas designed to capture and treat stormwater. The swales collect stormwater runoff and allow it to soak into the ground at a slower rate.

Stormwater is rain or snowmelt and water from things people do, like overwatering the lawn or letting fertilizer fall into the street drain. We can choose products carefully and shape our lawns and pavement so water sinks in. When we do, runoff is reduced, pollutants filter out and streams and groundwater are protected.



Specialized native plants help to treat the stormwater by absorbing pollutants and nutrients, like phosphorus, and filtering suspended sediments. This improves the quality of the surface water entering nearby lakes and rivers.

Did you know?

Just one pound of phosphorus can lead to 500 pounds of algae growth in our lakes and rivers!

Untreated runoff is the biggest threat to our nation's water quality, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Let's make the small, important changes that will reduce that threat and improve water quality and our lives!

Realize

What touches the ground enters the water