

Managing Stormwater on Your Property This Spring

With wet spring weather comes an increase in stormwater runoff, which can be harmful to local waterways. Here are some steps you can take to manage stormwater on your property and reduce pollution entering our streams:

- **Plant a native tree:** trees and native plants have deep root systems that help to absorb stormwater.
- **Install a rainbarrel:** rain barrels collect and store rainwater from your roof before it becomes runoff.
- **Decrease your lawn space:** turf grass has a shallow root system, which allows stormwater to runoff your lawn. By decreasing your lawn space and increasing you garden space, your yard will be able to absorb more stormwater.
- **Pick-up litter and debris before it enters waterways:** litter and other debris leach harmful chemicals into the water that can foul our drinking water supply and harm wildlife. Volunteer for Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy's Stream Clean-up to remove trash from local waterways. Visit our website to sign-up: <https://www.perkiomenwatershed.org/stream-clean-up/>

Stormwater: rain water, snow melt, or other precipitation that runs off the land and flows downhill or through storm sewer systems to reach waterways.

