Many communities within the Twin Cities Metro Area are required to have a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP) – so to gather more information about what your community is doing, please check with your local city, county or watershed!

To see Mn/DOT Metro District’s SWPPP, please visit our MS4 website: http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/waterresources/index.html

To you, it’s the side of a road - to us, it’s our home!

Photo provided by Mn/DOT employee Derrick Dasenbrock

Please remember:
• Don’t Litter
• Don’t Dump
• Pick up after Pets
• Cover Materials when on the road

Links
For more information and background please see these websites:

• EPA Website for Phase II MS4’s: http://cfpub1.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/phase2.cfm

• MPCA Website for Phase II MS4’s: http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/stormwater/stormwater-ms4.html

• Mn/DOT Metro District’s MS4 Program Website: http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/waterresources/index.html

Contact Information
Mn/DOT Metro District MS4 Coordinator
Stormwater Pollution Prevention Programs (SWPPP) are...

Required for all cities with populations of 50,000 or greater and some designated cities with less than 50,000 people

Required for universities, counties, state transportation departments and other public entities with significant stormwater drainage systems

Required for Mn/DOT Metro District (Includes the counties of Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott and Washington)

Regulated by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)

Meant to reduce pollution from stormwater to the maximum extent practicable. To accomplish this, the SWPPP must cover the following six areas:

1. Public Education and Outreach
   - Develop and distribute educational materials to inform citizens about the impacts polluted stormwater can have on water quality.
   - Form partnerships with other’s to distribute educational materials.
   - Incorporate new and updated educational materials/information.

2. Public Involvement
   - Provide opportunity for public participation and comment through our Annual Meeting and the feedback link on our MS4 Website.

3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
   - Develop a storm sewer system map that identifies Mn/DOT Metro District’s storm sewer system.
   - Develop and implement a plan to detect and investigate non-stormwater discharges.
   - Effectively eliminate non-stormwater discharges into our storm sewer system.
   - Educate employees, volunteers and the public of the hazards from illegal discharges and improper disposal of wastes.

4. Construction Site Discharge Controls
   - Implement appropriate erosion, sediment and waste controls on construction sites that are 1 acre or more.
   - Establish a procedure to gather and respond to stormwater pollution concerns submitted by the public.

5. Post-Construction Controls for New Development
   - Volume, rate and quality of stormwater entering Mn/DOT Metro District’s right-of-way will be addressed though drainage permits.

6. Good Housekeeping & Pollution Prevention
   - Employee training will be provided for:
     - Erosion and sediment control practices during maintenance activities.
     - Proper maintenance practices at facilities.
     - Proper inspection of storm sewer systems.
     - Non-stormwater discharge detection and elimination.
   - Continue street sweeping practices to reduce sediment and debris on roadways.
   - Anti-icing and de-icing methods will continue to be analyzed and low environmental impact measures will be incorporated where possible.
   - Appropriate roadside vegetation management, such as herbicides, biological control and mowing, will continue.
   - Inspection, inventory, cleaning and repair of Mn/DOT Metro’s storm sewer system will continue.