



Stormwater and Your Rights as a Property Owner



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To enforce the Clean Water Act, a mandate from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Greenville County created a stormwater division in 2002 to address water quality enforcement and to correct some of the county's worst flooding problems.

Even with this stormwater program, property owners continue to be responsible and accountable for actions that could lead to water quality degradation and flooding issues which are listed below:

- **BLOCKING WATER FLOW**– Do not attempt to block the natural path of water on your property. Do not construct any structure intended to block the natural flow of water through your property. Consider the natural drainage path when installing fences.
- **DIVERTING WATER**– Do not attempt to divert water from your property onto another property. You can do what is necessary to maintain your property from stormwater damage as long as there is no malicious intent behind your actions.



- **TRASH, DEBRIS, & FALLEN TREES**– It is against county code to let debris and trash remain in your yard; the same applies to the drainage ditch in your yard. It is important to keep drainage areas free of debris so that water can drain properly. **It is also the responsibility of property owners with streams on or adjacent to their properties to keep the streams free of debris and fallen trees.**
- **YARD WASTE, OIL, or PAINT**– Do not dump any substances such as yard waste, motor oil, antifreeze, or paint into creeks or streams on your property, or storm drains in your neighborhood. Streams and storm drains are a part of the county's stormwater system and dumping items will directly affect the quality of the water and can result in fines and enforcement actions.



IF SEDIMENT AND WATER FLOW ONTO MY PROPERTY AS A RESULT OF A NEIGHBORING PROPERTY, WHAT CAN BE DONE?

The best answer is if the affecting property is a single-family residence or agricultural operation, the matter should be settled between the property owners.

If the sediment or water is coming from an entire subdivision, one built since 1993 when laws were in place, refer to the property's stormwater and sediment control plan or report the problem to Greenville County's Land Development Division, 864-467-4610.

If you make any modifications to your property that may alter drainage patterns, please check with the Greenville County Land Development Division to see if any permits are required, 864-467-4610.

