



Yakima Regional Stormwater Working Group (RSWG)

OUTREACH NEWSLETTER

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Don't Drip and Drive

Winter's snowy grip has finally arrived to our area and with it comes compact snow and ice that eventually melts and creates a messy runoff problem. A great way to reduce stormwater pollution is to not "Drip and Drive" as you make your way around town. Do a quick check of the location where you park your car and look for any fluid spots that your car may be leaving behind when you park it. Those spots can be from leaking motor oil, brake fluid, anti-freeze or fuel that are dripping out as you drive around town. All vehicles experience these leaks at some time during their life and tend to get worse as your car gets older. These fluids get washed off the streets and into the storm drainage system where it changes the runoff into a toxic mix that can pollute our streams and groundwater. Remember, "Only Rain Down the Drain." For tips on how to deal with those drips and keep our stormwater clean check out <https://fixcarleaks.org/>



Only Rain Down the Drain

As the days get longer and warmer, we all are thinking about washing that winter grime off our cars. If you are washing your car at home, remember to park it in the grass first and not wash your car in the driveway or on the street. Contaminants such as oil, grease, dirt and soap can flow into the storm drains and pollute our streams or groundwater. Or consider taking it to a local commercial car wash that recycles it's water and/or drains to the sanitary sewer. Remember "Only Rain Down the Drain."



Upcoming Events

February 13
RSWG Meeting
(Selah, WA)

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Don't forget **President's Day** (February 18th)

