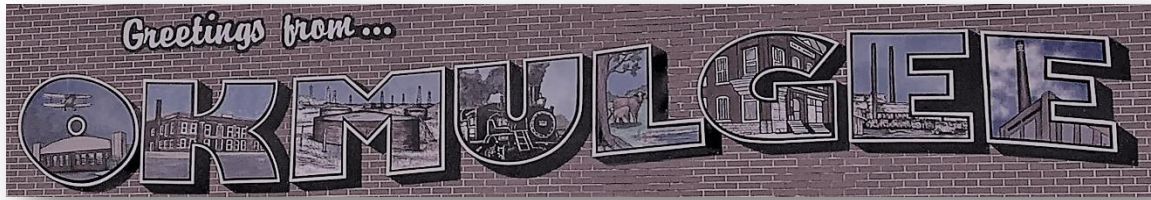


STORMWATER QUARTERLY



It has been just over a year since our Stormwater Permit was renewed by the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality. We continue to work toward our goals and standards that were set for this new permit period to address stormwater runoff and water pollution. We depend on our citizens to understand how everyday activities affect stormwater quality and to report issues you may see within our City.

Please help us improve!

STORMWATER POLLUTION AND THEIR IMPACTS:

- *Oil and Grease from automobiles and illegal dumping causes sheen and odor and makes transfer of oxygen difficult for aquatic life
- *Sediment from construction activities clouds waterways and interferes with the habitat of living things that depend on the waters
- *Careless application of pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers affect the health of living organisms, promote the overgrowth of algae, depletes oxygen and causes imbalances in waterways
- *Litter damages aquatic life, introduces chemical pollution and diminishes the beauty of our waterways

HOW OUR RESIDENTS CAN HELP:

- *Maintain your autos so they don't leak fluids
- *Don't overuse fertilizer, herbicides or pesticides
- *As soon as pavements are dry, clean up any salt and sand that you put down to melt ice
- *Cleanup after pets
- *Maintain private septic systems, have it pumped every 3 to 5 years and never put chemicals into the system
- *Don't litter and make sure your trash cart is not overfilled and that the lid is closed
- *Turn gutter downspouts away from hard surfaces and seed bare spots in your yard
- *Insure grass clippings and leaves are not disposed of into storm drains
- *Control sediment runoff at construction sites, both residential and commercial
- *Use our City recycle center and bulky item pickup, but please correctly dispose of materials and do not abuse the facility
- *Report illegal dumping, clogged storm drains and discolored water, oil sheen or unusual odors in storm drains or at drainage pipes

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