



Less Hard Surface

The more concrete or blacktop your property has, the more water will run off and into storm drains. Stormwater can carry oil, grease, fertilizer, bacteria, and heavy metals straight to local water bodies. Keeping your lawn as natural as possible — or adding a **rain garden** — can increase rainwater infiltration up to 75%!

Landscape with Lakes in Mind

Visit RenewOurWaters.org for information about rain gardens!



Your beautiful outdoor space doesn't have to come at the price of clean lakes and streams. Minimizing runoff reduces damage to your property and lessens the amount of potentially harmful substances reaching our local waterways. Opt for grassy areas and native plantings whenever possible. Where needed, install pavement like open bricks that allow water to sink into the ground.

Visit RenewOurWaters.org for more tips to reduce stormwater runoff leaving your property.