



Storm Water Management Program

The City of Willis has prepared a *Storm Water Management Program* which is available for review at the City of Willis City Hall located at 200 N Bell St, Willis, TX 77378. One of the goals of this program is to educate residents of hazards associated with the improper disposal of waste and other measures to prevent negative effects to the water quality of our streams and water bodies.

Community Outreach

The City of City of Willis takes pride in our community and environment. The following are ways residents can help reduce negative environmental impact.

Report illegal dumping

Please contact the City Public Works Director, Pat Riley, at **936-856-4611** or **priley@ci.willis.tx.us**, if you notice anything suspicious, see illegal dumping, or see anyone dumping materials/liquids into sewer manholes, please call the City of Willis Police at 936-228-5051. The after-hours phone number is **936-856-4611**

Pet waste

Pet waste can have a negative effect during rain events. Storm water runoff will collect bacteria and convey it to streams and bodies of water. Please collect your pet waste and dispose of it by wrapping it in plastic and disposing it in the trash.

Pesticides and Fertilizers

Follow directions on how to apply pesticides and fertilizers to your lawn. Don't over-do-it and do not apply right before a rain. Runoff from your sprinkler system or a rain will wash the pesticides and fertilizers down the storm drain.

Washing Your Car

Washing your car in your drive can cause pollutants to enter the storm drain. To keep the pollutants from entering the storm system, or to lessen the impact, use phosphate free cleaning products. Use a spray nozzle to prevent water running down the street. Wash your car on your grass.

Yard Waste

Do not place or dump yard waste in the street. Yard waste can cause pipes and culverts to clog and will increase the phosphates in the streams and lakes.

Paint

Dispose of paint properly, not down the storm drain. Allow the contents in the paint can to dry out completely and then place in the trash or take to a house hold waste center or a round up event.

Pool Backwash or drain

If you drain or your pool water, please make sure that the water is chlorine free and the pH is between 6.0 and 8.0. Please do not discharge any media from the pool filter. Her is a concept, water your landscaping with the water.

Automotive Fluids

Ensure your vehicles are inspected for fluid leaks which may leak onto pavement or the ground. By properly disposing of automotive fluids and ensuring your vehicle is in good repair, you will help protect the water quality of our streams and bodies of water. Just about every oil changing place will accept vehicle fluids. The City of Willis has a public used oil collection station where residents can dispose of vehicle fluids at 300 N Bell.

The Recycling Center only accepts:

- Tires
- Used Oil (no commercial)
- Small electronics

Please follow the rules below when using the Recycling Center:

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CENTER**

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- ★ **TIRES**
- ★ **BATTERIES**
- ★ **USED OIL**
A Public Used Oil
Collection Center

OPEN Monday Thru Friday
Monday - Friday 8 am - 5 pm

- Leaving items at any other time is considered illegal dumping
- No paint or chemicals: **USED OIL ONLY**
- Removal of any item from these premises will be considered theft and will be prosecuted accordingly

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No More Than 5 Tires:

- No 18 Wheeler Tires**
- No 55 Gallon Drums**
- No Paint Flamable Or Volatile Items**

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Useful Links:

More information can be found at the following website links:

City of Willis – Homepage

<http://www.ci.willis.tx.us/>

EPA - Homepage

<http://www.epa.gov/>

EPA – What you can do

<http://water.epa.gov/action/>

TCEQ - Homepage

<http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/>

TCEQ – “Don’t Mess with Texas Water”: A Way to Report Illegal Dumping

<http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/p2/dont-mess-with-texas-water-a-way-to-report-illegal-dumping>