

# PROTECTING KANSAS WATERWAYS

## We all play a role

When it rains, water that falls on our roadways runs off into either storm drains or off the edge of the roadway. As this water moves, it picks up anything that is on the road, including trash, motor oil, road salt and other pollutants. These pollutants are then carried by the stormwater into the nearest river, creek or stream, contributing to water quality issues.

## What can you do?

- Follow proper procedures when cleaning up spills.
- Properly store and dispose of all pesticides and chemicals including salt and other de-icing materials.
- Properly apply pesticides in accordance with manufacturer instructions.
- Place drip pans under leaking equipment.
- Wash vehicles or other equipment in the wash bay.
- Perform preventive and routine maintenance to keep vehicles and equipment in good working condition and free of leaks and drips.
- Keep used oil filters in a covered bin.
- Recycle whenever possible.
- Reduce litter in yards and right-of-way.
- Close the lids on trash dumpster.



## Why this matters

KDOT must meet a variety of requirements to maintain its Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit. To stay in compliance, KDOT developed a stormwater management plan and the actions listed above are part of that plan. Also, it makes sense to do what we can to protect Kansas waterways and benefits all of us.

## To learn more

KDOT has several resources posted online that explain how stormwater management affects Kansas waterways. To watch a short video, learn about the Adopt-A-Highway program or read more about KDOT's efforts go to <https://www.ksdot.gov/bureaus/burMaint/StormWater/MS4PubEd.asp>

