

# **Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan**

### **Scoop the Poop**

- Animal waste is one of the many small sources of pollution that can add up to big problems for water quality, and even human health.
- Animal waste contains two main types of pollutants that harm local waters: nutrients and pathogens. When this waste ends up in water bodies, it decomposes, releasing nutrients that cause excessive growth of algae and weeds. This makes the water murky, green, smelly, and even unusable for swimming, boating, or fishing.
- Animal waste doesn't simply decompose. So, the easiest way to avoid these problems is to clean up after your pet each and every time, and dispose of the waste properly!

#### **Be Prepared**

- Picking up after your pet is easy, if you're prepared.
  Simply carry a plastic bag with you on every walk with your dog, and you'll have the equipment to remove your dog's waste. Then throw it in the nearest trash can, and you're done! There are even compact, refillable bag dispensers that you can attach right to your dog's leash.
- Avoid letting your dog do his business within 200 feet of a water body.
- And of course, never throw dog waste into a storm drain!



## **Illicit Discharge**

### What is an illicit discharge?

 Anything that drains into the storm sewer that is more than just rainfall/snow melt, except such things as water from car washing, firefighting and ground water.

### What are sources of illicit discharges?

- Dumping chemicals into storm drains, roadways, curb and gutter sidewalks, driveways and yards.
- · Leaky containers and fluid lines
- Yard waste and pet waste

### Why is the City concerned about illicit discharges?

• The water in the storm sewer discharges directly to the river without treatment.

#### What can I do to prevent illicit discharges?

- Safely contain household hazardous wastes (paint, oil, gasoline), and dispose of properly.
- Keep lawn clippings, leaves, and other debris out of the roadway and off sidewalks.
- Clean up after your pets.

#### What should I do if I see or suspect an illicit discharge?

- Inform the offender of New Ulm's ordinance prohibiting illicit discharges.
- Contact the City Engineer or use a citizen complaint form for reporting storm water violations. The form can be picked up at City Hall at the 2nd Floor Engineering Department window, or downloaded from the City website at <a href="www.ci.new-ulm.mn.us">www.ci.new-ulm.mn.us</a> under the Engineering Department, Stormwater Program, Keep water Resources Clean page. The form can be completed anonymously, and then mailed to the City Engineer.

Brought to you by the City of New Ulm on behalf of their Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan.



# SAVE THE DATE

### 2022 BROWN COUNTY WASTE COLLECTION EVENTS

# May 4<sup>th</sup> - Fluorescent Bulb Collection

Springfield Market, 101 W Central St. - Springfield from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

## May 5<sup>th</sup> - Fluorescent Bulb Collection

Brown County Fairgrounds, 1201 North State St. - New Ulm from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## June 9th - Household Hazardous Waste

Brown County Fairgrounds, 1201 North State St. - New Ulm from 12:00 p.m. to 5 p.m.

# June 23<sup>th</sup> - Household Hazardous Waste \*Date Changed\*

Brown County Highway Garage, **507 Burns Ave. S — Springfield** from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Brown County REA Building, **24386 State Hwy 4 — Sleepy Eye** from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### Future Fluorescent Bulb Collections

As of July  $1^{\rm st}$ , 2022 fluorescent bulbs will be collected at the Brown County Sanitary Landfill, 21933 County Road 11, Sleepy Eye, MN 56085

## Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> - Household Hazardous Waste

Brown County Fairgrounds, 1201 North State St. - New Ulm from 12:00 p.m. to 5 p.m.

- \*\*\*More information can be found on the Brown County Recycling website: http://www.co.brown.mn.us/recycling
- \*\*\*There ARE FEES ASSOICATED with the fluorescent bulb collections.

### Recycling is great, but remember to:

- 1. Reduce the amount of waste you generate
- 2. Reuse what you generate
- 3. Recycle items no longer in use that can be made or processed into another product.

Brown County Solid Waste & Recycling Andy Meyer 14 S. State Street, PO Box 248 New Ulm, MN 56073 Phone: (507) 233-6640

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Business waste WILL NOT be accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events.