

Remember, clean water is important to all of us. It provides recreation, fish habitat, and drinking water, and adds beauty to our State. All of us benefit and all of us have a role in keeping our lakes, rivers, and ground water clean.

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department will do its part...please do yours.

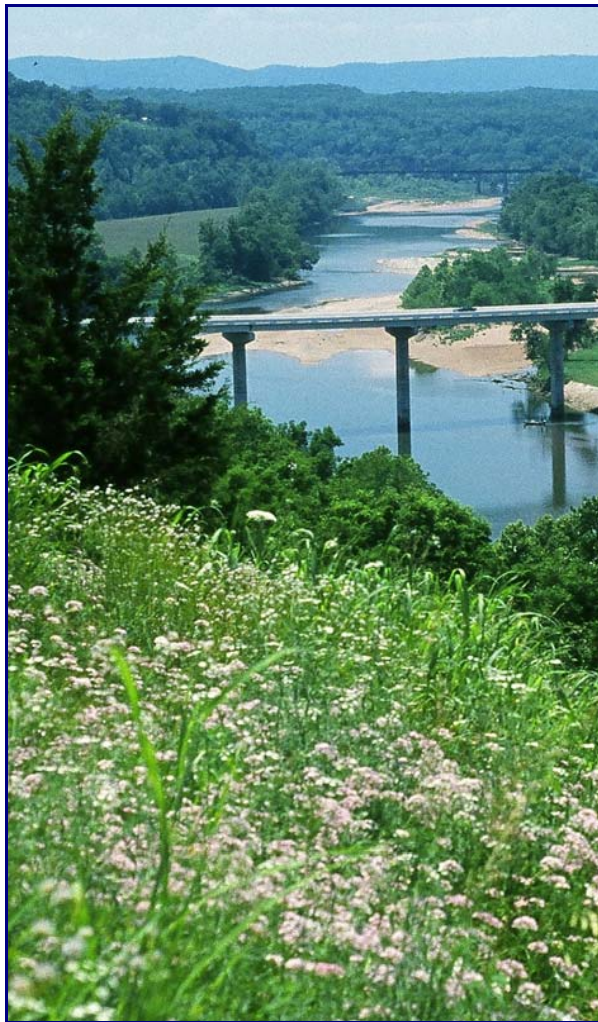
For more information:

**Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Environmental Division; Storm Water Information and Complaints
Telephone (501)569-2230 or
E-mail stormwater@arkansashighways.com**

**Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality
<http://www.adeq.state.ar.us>**

**US Environmental Protection Agency Storm Water Site:
http://cfpub1.epa.gov/npdes/home.cfm?program_id=6**

**AHTD Litter Hotline (toll-free)
1-866-811-1222**



For additional information on AHTD programs designed to enhance our State highways such as Adopt A Highway or the AHTD Wildflower Program, visit our Web site at:

www.arkansashighways.com



**Working Together...
Better Roads and Cleaner
Water**

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**Arkansas State Highway and Transportation
Department**

**Preventing Polluted Runoff is
Everybody's Business**



What is Storm Water Runoff?

When it rains, storm water flows over streets, fields, lawns, and buildings carrying pollutants such as oil, fertilizer, pesticides and sediment into Arkansas' streams and lakes.

These pollutants can harm fish and wildlife populations, kill native vegetation, taint drinking water supplies, and make recreation areas unsafe and unpleasant.

AHTD wants to do its part to help reduce the pollution resulting from traffic and from roadway construction and maintenance.

AHTD's Pollution Reduction Strategies:

In compliance with State and Federal regulations, AHTD has developed a plan for reducing pollutants in storm water runoff from highways within the State. The plan includes the following control measures:

- **Public Education and Outreach**
- **Public Involvement/Participation**
- **Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination**

- **Construction Site Storm Water Runoff Control**
- **Post Construction Storm Water Management**
- **Good House Keeping and Pollution Prevention**

What Role Does the Public Play in AHTD's Storm Water Management Plan?

In addition to being AHTD's primary customer, the traveling public has a key role in helping to reduce the pollutants from our roads.

Litter is one pollutant which can end up in streams. When debris such as cigarette butts, six-pack rings, and other trash is washed into water bodies, it can harm aquatic life such as fish, waterfowl, and turtles.



Taking litter home for proper disposal and participating in the Adopt-A-Highway Program are ways every citizen can not only improve the appearance of our highways but improve the quality of the State's streams and lakes.

Responsible auto maintenance is another area where the driving public can help reduce pollution on our roadways. It is estimated that Americans spill 180 million gallons of used oil into our waters each year through improper disposal of used oil and poor vehicle maintenance.

To help, you can:

- **Stop automotive drips. Check for oil leaks regularly and fix them promptly.**
- **If you change your own oil, clean up spills and take used oil to a proper disposal facility**

Never dump used oil, or any other pollutant, into a storm drain or ditch.

Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the streams and lakes we all use for drinking water, fishing, and swimming.