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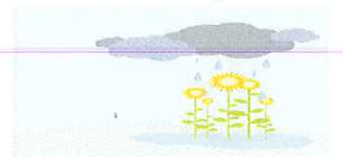
STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION COMMUNITY OUTREACH

DRESS YOUR BUSINESS FOR SPRING AND POLLUTION PREVENTION

*Help prevent stormwater runoff from washing harmful pollutants into
local surface waters.*



Dirt, oil, and debris that collect in parking lots and paved areas can be washed into the storm drains and eventually enter local water bodies. How can you help? Sweep up litter and debris from sidewalks, driveways, and parking lots, especially around storm drains. Cover grease storage and dumpsters and keep them clean to avoid leaks. Report any chemical spills to Okaloosa County by dialing 911. They'll know the best way to keep spills from harming the environment.



If you're looking for a way to spruce up your business for Spring Build a Rain Garden. A rain garden is a landscaped area designed to capture and hold excess water for a short period,

allowing it to soak into the soil. The garden is planted with vegetation that prefers a slightly wetter environment, but can tolerate dry times, too. Water is absorbed by the plants or filtered into the soil where, over time, natural chemical and biological processes break down pollutants. Rain gardens capture the water and increase the amount that filters into the soil. Lawn fertilizers, pesticides, oil, car fluids, and other substances are captured and broken down instead of polluting nearby lakes and streams.



Information provided by the Environmental Protection Agency. Visit their website at:
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