

Going with the Flow:

Preventing Storm Water Pollution
in Milwaukee



Follow Up Activities

See the Resources sheet for contact information for the organizations mentioned below.

Use the Pollutant and Solution Cards for a game of Memory. Mix the cards and place them face down on a table. The first player turns over two cards. If the cards match (i.e., pollutant such as “Car Wash Water” matches the solution of “Let wash water soak into grass...”) the player keeps the cards and takes another turn. If they do not match, the next player takes a turn. The student with the most matches wins.

Use the Pledge Sheets to make individual, class or school commitments to prevent storm water pollution. Display the Pledge Sheets with photos of students taking action (for example, a student bagging pet waste, a class planting a rain garden, a school installing a rain barrel).

Take a field trip to the lake or river closest to your school and observe the pollutants. Discuss how they got there and conduct a clean up. Organizations such as Friends of Milwaukee’s Rivers, Alliance for the Great Lakes and the Ocean Conservancy regularly organize clean ups.

Take a tour of the Waste Water Treatment plant. The Metropolitan Milwaukee Sewerage District (MMSD) offers free tours of the plant and water testing laboratories and gives educational programs in schools.

Visit the MMSD Hazardous Household Waste Collection Centers and City of Milwaukee Self Help Centers, located at 6660 North Industrial Road and 3879 West Lincoln Avenue to see what happens to waste. Also visit Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful at 1313 W. Mount Vernon Ave. Milwaukee, WI 53233-2620. They have an in-house, waste reduction, education center.

Mark storm water drains with markers from Friends of Milwaukee’s Rivers or stencils from the City of Milwaukee. The markers and stencils inform the public that the drains lead to rivers or Lake Michigan.