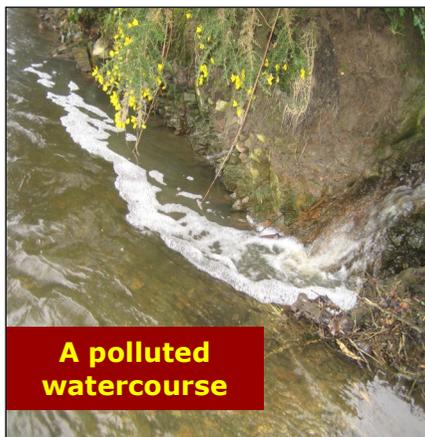


Storm drain misconnections



Remember—only rain down the drain!

What can you do to stop this Pollution?

- ✓ Identify storm drains on your property
- ✓ Check for misconnections where sinks, washing machines or other waste waters discharge to storm drains
- ✓ Separate storm and waste water drains
- ✓ Keep yards clean, Store and handle chemicals with care



For more information see
www.monaghan.ie/environment/water
www.waterwise.ie, www.taptips.ie

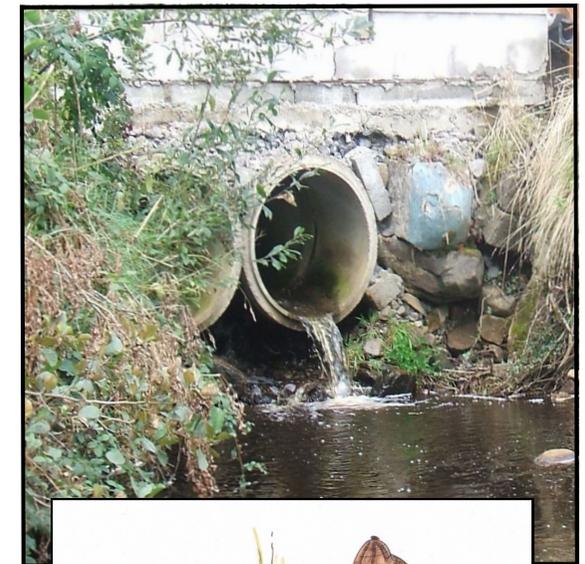
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PROPER USE OF DRAINS

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Staff from the Environment Section are carrying out river walks and pollution investigations. We have found that many drains are misused and polluting matter from households, farmyards and business premises is discharged to storm drains.

Only rain down the drain!

What are drains?

Every property has underground pipes connected to it. These are called drains and take sewage, effluent or rainwater away from the property.

Storm Water Drains

Drains collect rainwater from our roofs, driveways, roads and drains into our rivers.

Foul Sewer Drains

Collect wastewater from homes and businesses, and takes it to a waste water treatment plant or a septic tank.

Soiled Water & Effluent

Farming, industry and business can generate soiled water and trade effluent. Treatment and disposal is costly – good house-keeping minimises waste waters.

Nil ach baiste sios sa draein!

www.ciria.com/suds
(SUDS Drainage systems)

Examples of polluting materials



- Dirty yard runoff
- Sediment (e.g excavation works)
- Oils/paints/dyes/solvents
- Fertilisers & pesticides
- Leachate from skips and waste handling areas
- Discharges from problem septic tanks
- Car wash water
- Litter and other debris



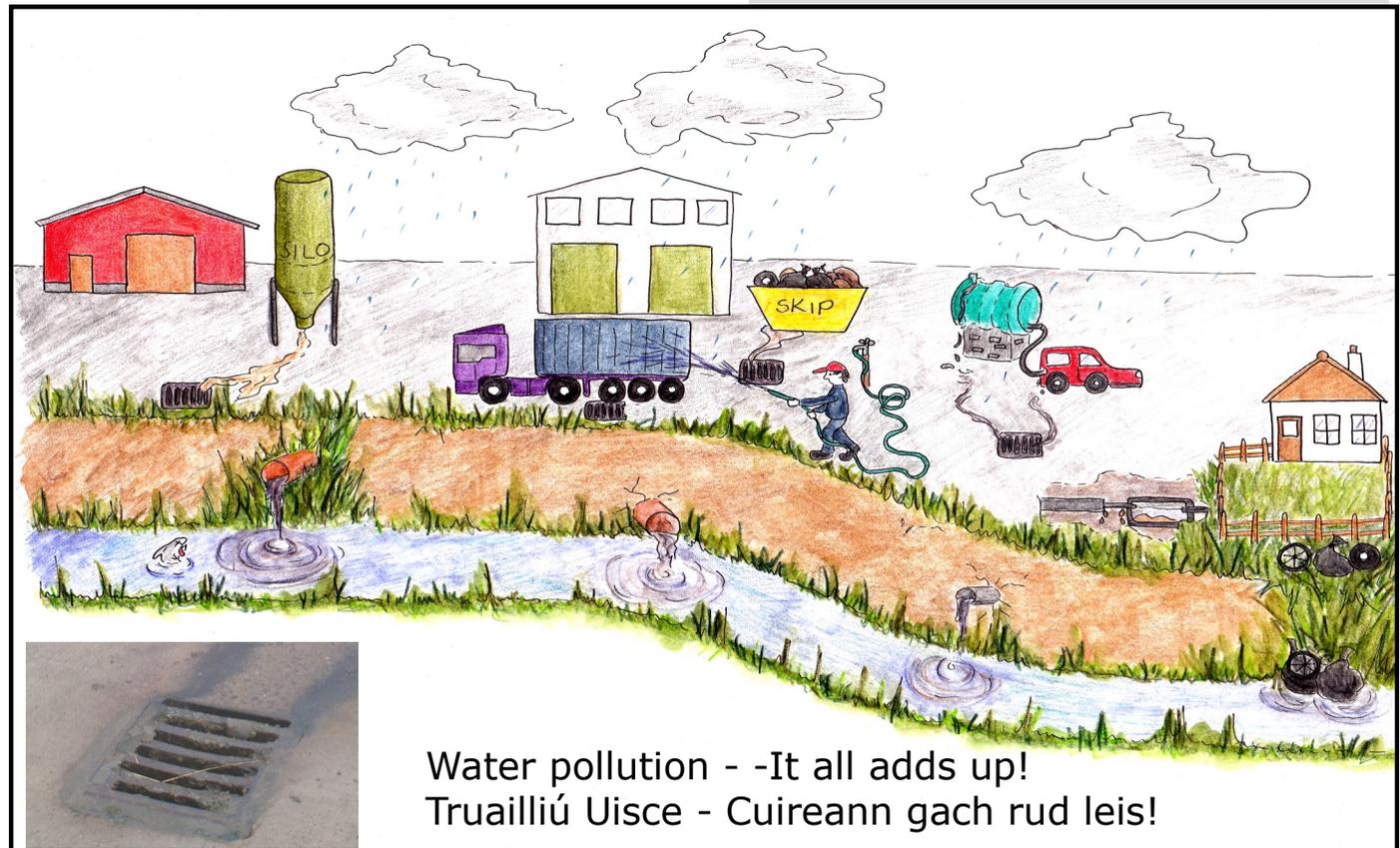
Polluted water can:

- Kill aquatic wildlife
- Destruct habitats
- Cause poor water quality
- Ruin the amenity value of our waterways

It is an offence to cause water pollution



Court fines and clean up costs



Water pollution - -It all adds up!
Truailliú Uisce - Cuireann gach rud leis!