# CITY OF RICHMOND

# MS4

## Annual Report Year 7

(Jan – Aug 11th,2025)

Jan 26, 2026

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Stormwater & Pretreatment Team Leader (MC-148)
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

Re: Phase II MS4 Annual Report Transmittal for City of Richmond
TPDES Authorization: TXR040589.

Dear Team Leader:

This letter serves to transmit the required annual report for the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System General Permit, Authorization Number TXR040589 for the City of Richmond.

The annual report is for Year 5. The reporting period's beginning January 1, 2025 and ends August 11, 2025

As required by the general permit, a copy of the report has been mailed to the TCEQ's regional office 12 in Houston, Texas.

Sincerely,

Joe Reyes

**City of Richmond**
**Water Quality Coordinator**
**600 Morton**
**Richmond, TX 77469**
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cc: TCEQ
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Houston, TX 77023-1452

# Phase II (Small) MS4 Annual Report Form

### TPDES General Permit Number TXR040589

## A. General Information

Authorization Number: TXR040589

Reporting Year (year will be either 1,2,3,4, or 5): 7

Annual Reporting Year Option Selected by MS4:

Calendar Year: 2025

Permit Year: _____

Fiscal Year: _____ Last Day of Fiscal Year: _____

Reporting Period Beginning Date: (Month/Day/Year): 1-1-2025

Reporting Period Ending Date: (Month/Day/Year): 08-11-2025

MS4 Operator Level: 2 Name of MS4: City of Richmond

Contact Name: Joe Reyes Telephone Number: 281-342-0559

Mailing Address: 600 Morton, Richmond, TX 77469

Email Address: jreyes@richmondtx.gov

A copy of the annual report was submitted to the TCEQ Region:

Yes X No _____

Region: 12

## B. Status of Compliance with the MS4 GP and SWMP

1. Provide information on the status of complying with permit conditions: (TXR040000 Part IV Section B.2.):

| | Yes | No | Explain |
|---|---|---|---|
| Permittee is currently in compliance with the SWMP as submitted to and approved by the TCEQ. | X | | |
| Permittee is currently in compliance with recordkeeping and reporting requirements. | X | | |
| Permittee meets the eligibility requirements of the permit (e.g., TMDL requirements, Edwards Aquifer limitations, compliance history, etc.) | X | | |

2. Provide a general assessment of the appropriateness of the selected BMPs. You may use the table below (**See Example 1 in instructions**):

| MCM(s) | BMP | BMP is appropriate for reducing the discharge of pollutants in stormwater (Answer Yes or No and explain.) |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Public Education | Storm Drain Markings. | Yes. Storm drain marking heightens public awareness about how most drainage systems are directly connected to receiving waters without any treatment. This will help to inform the public about the impacts polluted storm water runoff can have on water quality. |
| 1. Public Education | Municipal Staff Training | Yes. Education will help in reduction of illicit discharges. |
| 1. Public Education | Construction Site Operator Education | Yes. Training staff to help prevent storm water pollution. |
| 1. Public Education | Public Participation | Yes. Public will participate in volunteer programs to assist in projects that will focus on clean-up projects which will eliminate pollution. |
| 2. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination | Storm Sewer Screening / Illicit Discharge Inspection | Yes. This will decrease the increase of illegal discharge detection through screening. |

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| 2. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination | Sanitary Sewer Overflow and Infiltration | Yes. Inspection will limit the occurrence and frequency of sanitary overflows. |
| 2. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination | Storm Drainage Mapping | Yes, Identification of outfalls is key to eliminating pollutants in discharge areas. |

| MCM(s) | BMP | BMP is appropriate for reducing the discharge of pollutants in stormwater (Answer Yes or No and explain.) |
|---|---|---|
| 2. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination | Storm Water Pollution Prevention Training | Yes. Staff trained will help recognize signs of illicit discharge and dumping. |
| 2. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination | Illicit Discharge Detection Ordinance | Yes. Respond to all complaints and enforce as needed. |
| 2. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination | Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Program | Yes. The program is designed to detect and eliminate illicit discharges to the ms4. |
| 3. Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control | Construction Plan Review and Notification of Contractors | Yes, Review plans for storm water control measures and inspect accordingly |
| 3. Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control | Maintain Legal Authority and Guidelines | Yes, Guidelines for construction documents are maintained and revised as necessary and made accessible through the internet. |
| 3. Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control | Inspection of Construction Sites and Enforcement of Control Requirements | Yes, Construction sites will be required to design, install, implement, and maintain effective BMPs to minimize the discharge of pollutants. |
| 3. Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control | Receipt and Consideration of Information Submitted by the Public | Yes, Tracking the process in which submitted information from the public, both written and verbal, is recorded and then provided to the construction site inspector for possible follow-up. |
| 3. Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control | Storm Water Pollution Prevention Training | Yes. Train employees to be aware of what they can do to help reduce pollutants in stormwater run-off. |
| 4. Post Construction Storm Water Management in | Code Review and Updates | Yes. E nsure that storm water quality objectives are addressed in early stage of development. |
| 4. Post Construction Storm Water | Inspection of Construction Sites and Enforcement of Control Measure Requirements | Yes, Require maintenance activities for long term post construction stormwater controls. |

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| 4. Post Construction Storm Water Management in | Long-Term Inspection and Maintenance Plan | Yes. Implement checklist to review development plans for long term inspection and maintenance |
| 5. Pollution Prevention Good House Keeping for Municipal Operations | Contractor Training and Oversight | |
| 5. Pollution Prevention Good House Keeping for Municipal | Waste Disposal | |

| MCM(s) | BMP | BMP is appropriate for reducing the discharge of pollutants in stormwater (Answer Yes or No, and explain.) |
|---|---|---|
| 5. Pollution Prevention Good House Keeping for Municipal Operations | Street Sweeping | Yes. Timely inspections can minimize the discharge of pollutants. |
| 5. Pollution Prevention Good House Keeping for Municipal Operations | Litter Control | Yes. Protection around stockpile areas will retain sediment. |
| 5. Pollution Prevention Good House Keeping for Municipal Operations | Municipal Employee Training | Yes. Minimize storm water pollution from activities related to municipal operations. |
| 5. Pollution Prevention Good House Keeping for Municipal Operations | Structural Control Maintenance | Yes. It will address maintenance activities, maintenance schedules, and long-term inspection procedures. |
| Pollution Prevention ood House Keeping for unicipal Operations | Municipal Stockpile Area | Yes. It will minimize silt and other pollutants from being discharged into major waterways that flow into the watershed. |
| 5. Pollution Prevention Good House Keeping for Municipal Operations | Facility Inspection Program | Yes. Timely inspections can minimize the discharge of pollutants |
| 5. Pollution Prevention Good House Keeping for Municipal Operations | Cold Weather Conditions and Parking Lot / Road Maintenance | Yes, Road and Parking Lot maintenance will help address water quality issues. |

3. Describe progress towards reducing the discharge of pollutants to the maximum extent practicable. Summarize any information used (such as visual observation, amount of materials removed or prevented from entering the MS4, or if required monitoring data, etc.) to evaluate reductions in the discharge of pollutants. You may use the table (See Example 2 in instructions):

| MCM | BMP | Information Used | Quantity | Units | Does the BMP Demonstrate a Direct Reduction in Pollutants? (Answer Yes or No, and explain.) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Storm Drain Markings | Inspected 20% Storm Drains | All markers good and none needed replacing | Storm Markers | No. Reminds residents no to dump into storm drains which may reduce pollution over time. |
| 1 | Storm Water Quality and Educational Material | Brochures information on website | Did not distribute any brochures due to covid-19 | Online information on website | No. Educating the public should lead to a reduction in pollutants entering the drainage system. |
| 2 | Storm Drainage System Mapping | Continue to map additional drainage systems in the City | Annual Update | Storm Drainage System Mapping | Yes. Updating new and existing storm water line in our GIS for map books that will help us diagnose storm water routes to minimize during a spill, etc. It will identify major storm sewer pipes, ditches, and other conveyances. owned or |
| 4 | Inspection of Completed Projects | Review all site plans submitted for new development projects | 4 | Inspections | Yes. Inspections on all constructions sites reduces the amounts of pollutants discharged. |
| 4 | Inspection of Construction Sites and Control Measures | IworQ's System Purchased | Software Program | 1 | No, this will allow us to track and inspect projects accordingly until projects are finished |
| 5 | Construction Site Storm Water Run Off Control | Require submission of construction plans to verify compliance with temporary erosion controls | 32 | Review Plans | No, this does not directly affect pollution reduction but give opportunity to ensure that controls have been properly designed prior to beginning construction. |
| 6 | Street Sweeping | Sweep Streets Daily | 93.75 Miles of curb swept and 72.95 miles of open ditched / litter pickup | Number and Miles of Streets | Yes, sweeping streets removes sediment and debris that impacts the storm sewer system and affects water quality. |
| 6 | Liter Control | Continue Curbside Recycling | 3,138 Recycle Bins | Program | Yes, having a curbside recycling program reduces litter by giving residents a way to dispose of recyclables. |
| 6 | Facility Inspection Program | Grease Trap Inspections completed Every quarter. | 286 | Inspections | Yes, requiring grease traps reduces the amount of grease entering the sanitary system which reduces the chance or overflows. |
| 6 | Waste Disposal and Litter Control | Provide spring and Fall Clean Up for all residents inside the City Limits. | 3,660 | Units | Yes. This reduces the amount of waste that otherwise would be disposed improperly. |
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4. Provide the measurable goals for each of the MCMs, and an evaluation of the success of the implementation of the measurable goals (**See Example 3 in instructions):**

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| 1 | Municipal Staff Training | Met Goal. The City conducted a 1-hour training course March 26, 2025 on pollution and illegal dumping as part of our monthly safety meetings. The Power Point presentation discusses the minimum control measures and has a couple of videos to watch. |
| 1 | Storm Drain Markings | Met Goal. Inspected 10% of storm drains and replaced missing storm marker as needed. (All storm drains have markers). During rain events, we drive and check all storm drains to make sure they are working efficiently. Missing storm markers are found and replaced as needed. |
| 1 | Storm Water Quality and Educational Material | Met Goal. The CCR report has a page dedicated to stormwater "Stormwater: Where it Flows, Everything Goes" and a section on "Help Prevent Sanitary Sewer Overflows". The City Storm Water Web page also includes two flyers – "Lets Tackle Grease in the Kitchen" and "Make you Home the Solution to Stormwater Pollution". Spring Newsletter mailed to customers included section on "Keep those Grass Clippings Out of Storm Drains". |
| 2 | Sanitary Sewer Overflow Initiative (SSOI) Participation | We are working on resubmitting a new application and for renewing the Sanitary Sewer Overflow Initiative. Made a submission and it was returned for additional information. Sent back information and I am awaiting approval. |
| 2 | Storm Drainage System Mapping | Met Goal. Have been continuing to bring our current GIS mapping to date and appending the new construction as we receive them. GIS mapping is required as part of the close out package for new construction. |
| 3 | Construction site Storm Water Run Off Control | Met Goal. Require submission of plans for all new projects for review and inspection. Track new development and redevelopment of new projects with the Development Review Committee to review plans to see if a SWMP is included and make sure they meet our Design Standards. |

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| 4 | Inspection of Construction Sites and Enforcement of Control Measures | Met Goal. Have required Pre-development and Preconstruction meetings before any construction is allowed. Our inspectors check to make sure work is completed as designed and meet our design standards. Continue to update and track with GIS capability. |
| 5 | Street Sweeping / Litter Control | Goal partially met. Street sweeping is completed in downtown area is completed Monday thru Friday. Street sweeping consist of one person sweeping or blowing debris into a pile and manually loading the debris for proper disposal and picking up trash in open ditches. In addition, we contracted with Yes America Enterprises to street sweet 26.19 miles of streets for 4 times this calendar year (78.57 miles) to street sweep all curb and gutter within the City. During the first half of 2025, no contracted street sweeping completed, will be done in the second half. |
| 5 | Waste Disposal and Litter Control | Met Goal. City host fall and spring clean-up in the City. Spring Shred Event was hosted on March 19, 2025. During the Spring Event, we collected 21,780 lbs of documents shredded and had 144 tires turned in for recycling. Inserts advertised on the City Web page and flyers. |
| 5 | Liter Control | Met Goal. We have in our Garbage contract an assigned day to pick up greenery (grass clippings and branches). In addition, we have assigned personnel to drive and check ditch areas daily. |
| 5 | Facility Inspection Program | Met Goal. City of Richmond has a total of 76 grease traps. Public Works Department inspected a total of 187 grease traps this permit year. (76 per quarter-total for the first 2 ½ quarters) and monitors grease on health inspection as part of the Sanitary Sewer Overflow Initiative. |

## C. Stormwater Data Summary

Provide a summary of all information used including any lab results (if sampling was conducted) to assess the success of the SWMP at reducing the discharge of pollutants to the MEP. For example, did the MS4 conduct visual inspections, clean the inlets, look for illicit discharge, clean streets, look for flow during dry weather, etc.? (Refer to the MS4 General Permit TXR040000 Part IV Section B.2.(b))

In an effort to reduce the discharge of pollutants to the MEP, the City completed this permit year.

1. After heavy rain events, staff performs visual inspection of outfalls and inlets and clears debris from them.
2. In the fall, staff will inspect inlets for leaves and other debris and remove them so they won't make it to the outfall.
3. Street sweeping is contracted for scheduled cleaning 4 times a year. Have part time staff to daily clean street in downtown area. Routine maintenance using jet unit to clean pipes in ditches and pipes in curb and gutter areas.
4. Submitted and received grant for rehab in the north side for sanitary sewer rehab in North side to reduce infiltration.

## D. Impaired Waterbodies

Determine each year if any receiving water body within the permitted area was added to the latest EPA-approved 303(d) list or the *Texas Integrated Report of Surface Water Quality for CWA Sections 305(b) and 303(d)*. Within two years following the approval date of the new list(s) of impaired waters, include any newly listed waters in the annual report and SWMP.

NO

If applicable, explain below any activities taken to address the discharge to impaired waterbodies, including any sampling results and a summary of the small MS4's BMPs used to address the pollutant of concern: (Refer to MS4 General Permit TXR040000 Part IV Section B.2.(c))

NO

1. Describe the implementation of targeted controls if the small MS4 discharges to an impaired water body with an approved TMDL (Refer to the MS4 General permit TXR040000; Part II Section D.4.(a)):

   **Not Applicable**

2. Report the benchmark identified by the MS4 and assessment activities (Refer to the MS4 General permit TXR040000; Part II Section D.4.(a)(6)):

| **Benchmark Parameter** *(Ex: Total Suspended Solids)* | **Benchmark Value** | **Description of additional sampling or other assessment activities** | **Year(s) conducted** |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Not Applicable** | | | |
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3. Provide an analysis of how the selected BMPs will be effective in contributing to achieving the benchmark (Refer to the MS4 General permit TXR040000; Part II Section D.4.(a)(4)):

| Benchmark Parameter | Selected BMP | Contribution to achieving Benchmark |
|---|---|---|
| Not Applicable | | |
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4. If applicable, report on focused BMPs to address impairment for bacteria (Refer to the MS4 General Permit TXR040000; Part II Section D.4.(a)(5)):

Not Applicable

| Description of bacteria-focused BMP | Comments/Discussion |
|---|---|
| Not Applicable | |
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5. Assess the progress to determine BMP's effectiveness in achieving the benchmark (Refer to the MS4 General Permit TXR040000; Part II.D.4.(a)(6)):

For example, the MS4 may use the following benchmark indicators:

- number of sources identified or eliminated;
- decrease in number of illegal dumping;
- increase in illegal dumping reporting;
- number of educational opportunities conducted;
- reductions in sanitary sewer flows (SSOs)
- increase in illegal discharge detection through dry screening

| Benchmark Indicator | Description/Comments |
|---|---|
| Not Applicable | |
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## E. Stormwater Activities

Describe stormwater activities the MS4 operator plans to undertake during the next reporting year. You may use the table below (Refer to the MS4 General Permit TXR040000 Part IV Section B.2.(d)):

| MCMs | BMP | Stormwater Activity | Descriptions/Comments |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Public Education | Storm Drain Markings | Inspect 20% of storm drains and replace 70 markers. | |
| 1. Public Education | Municipal Website | Update website for Educational Information and Events | |
| 1. Public Education | Storm Water Quality and Educational Material | Provide educational material on the website and forward to HOA's for them to help distribute. | |
| 2. Illicit Discharge Detection Ordinance | Illicit Discharge Detection Ordinance | Maintain GIS Storm Drainage System Map | |
| 2. Illicit Discharge Detection Ordinance | Facility Inspection Program | Conduct grease trap inspections quarterly | |
| 3. Construction Site Stormwater Runoff | Storm Water Pollution Prevention Training | Evaluate training material for existing employees | |
| 4. Post Construction Storm Water Management | Develop Checklist for minimum elements required in SWPP | Checklist developed for construction and tracked using GIS | |
| 5. Pollution Prevention Good House Keeping for Municipal Operations | Waste Disposal | Continue from year 1 to Evaluate City facilities for proper waste disposal practices | |
| 5. Pollution Prevention Good House Keeping for Municipal Operations | Street Sweeping | Cleaning minimizes the spread of pollutants | |
| 5. Pollution Prevention Good House Keeping for Municipal Operations | Litter Control | Conduct quarterly litter pickups in drainage ways adjacent to the Brazos River | |
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## F. SWMP Modifications

1. The SWMP and MCM implementation procedures are reviewed each year.

   __X__ Yes No _____

2. Changes have been made or are proposed to the SWMP since the NOI or the last annual report, including changes in response to TCEQ's review.

   _____ Yes No __X__

If 'Yes', report on changes made to measurable goals and BMPs (Refer to the MS4 General Permit TXR040000 Part IV Section B.2.(e)):

| MCM(s) | Measurable Goal(s) or | Implemented or Proposed Changes (Submit |
|---|---|---|
| Not Applicable | | |
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**Note:** If changes include additions or substitutions of BMPs, include a written analysis explaining why the original BMP is ineffective or not
feasible and why the replacement BMP is expected to achieve the goals of the original BMP.

2. Explain additional changes or proposed changes not previously mentioned (i.e. dates, contacts, procedures, annexation of land etc.):

# G. Additional BMPs for TMDLs and I-Plans

Provide a description and schedule for implementation of additional BMPs that may be necessary, based on monitoring

results, to ensure compliance.

with applicable TMDLs and implementation plans (Refer to the MS4 General permit TXR040000 Part IV Section B.2.(f)).

| BMP | Description | Implementation Schedule (Start Date etc.) | Status / Completion Date (completed, in progress, not started) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Not Applicable | | | |
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## H. Additional Information

1. Is the permittee relying on another entity to satisfy some of its permit obligations? (refer to the MS4 General Permit TXR040000 Part IV Section B.2.(g))

_ Yes X No

If 'Yes," provide the name(s) of other entities and an explanation of their responsibilities (add more spaces or pages if needed):

Name and Explanation:

2.a. Is the permittee part of a group sharing a SWMP with other entities?

___Yes  _X_ No

2.b. If 'yes,' is this a system-wide annual report including information for all permittees?

___Yes  _X_No

If 'Yes,' list all associated authorization numbers, permittee names, and SWMP **responsibilities of each** member. (add additional spaces or pages if needed):

Authorization Number: _____ Permittee: _____

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## I. Construction Activities

1. The number of construction activities that occurred in the jurisdictional area of the MS4 (Notices if intent and site notices received; Refer to the MS4 General Permit TXR040000 Part IV Section B.2.(h))
   _2_

2a. Does the permittee utilize the optional 7th MCM related to construction?

___Yes  _X_No

2b. If 'yes,' then provide the following information for this permit year (refer to the MS4 General Permit TXR040000 Part IV Section B.2.(i)

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| The number of municipal construction activities authorized under this general permit | 2 |
| The total number of acres disturbed for municipal construction projects | 31.10 |

***Note:*** *Though the seventh MCM is optional, implementation must be requested on the NOI or on a NOC and approved by the TCEQ.*

## J. Certification

*I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.*

Name of MS4 City of Richmond

Name (printed): Joe Reyes

Title: Water Quality Coordinator

Signature: _____

Date: 01/26/2026

**Note:** If this is this a system-wide annual report including information for all permittees, each permittee shall sign and certify the annual report in accordance with 30 TAC §305.128 (relating to Signatories to Reports).

## Introduction

This Annual Report satisfies the requirements of Part IV.B.2 of the TPDES Small MS4 General Permit TXR040000. Additional information is provided in this narrative section to supplement the data reported on the TCEQ Standard Form No. 20561 (Rev July 2019) for annual reporting.

# Attachment A

City of Richmond Annual Report - Year 7

MCM- Public Education

**1.B Storm Drain Markings.**

The City regularly inspects and replaces any damaged or missing markers as needed.

MCM- Public Education

## 1.C Educational Material

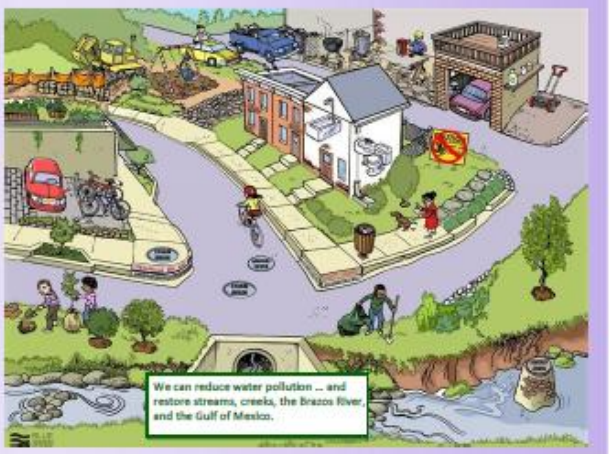
The City added the brochure to the website.

# Make Your Home the ***Solution*** to Stormwater Pollution

### A Homeowner's Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water

Stormwater is water that originates during weather events like rain or snowfall. The stormwater that does not soak into the ground becomes surface runoff. When it rains the water is carried away from our homes and yards into the City's storm drains, keeping our properties and roadways from flooding. As this surface water flows over driveways, lawns, alleys and sidewalks, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants. The polluted runoff flows into our stormwater system or directly into the Brazos River.

Polluted surface water is the nation's greatest threat to clean water. But by practicing healthy household habits, homeowners can keep common pollutants off the ground and out of stormwater. Adopt these healthy household habits and help prevent stormwater pollution. Please share these habits with your neighbors.




### Vehicle and Garage

- Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water flowing into storm drains and eventually into your local water body.
- Check your car, boat, motorcycle and other machinery for leaks and spills. Clean up spills quickly with absorbant material like kitty litter or sand. DO NOT rinse spills into storm drains.
- Recycle used oil and other automotive fluids the Fort Bend County Recycling Center.

### Lawn and Garden

- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. Avoid application if the forecast calls for rain so chemicals are not washed into your local streams and storm drains.
- Select native plants and grasses that are drought and pest resistant. They will require less water, fertilizers and pesticides.
- Sweep up yard debris. Do not hose them down drains. Try grasscycling when you mow your lawn.
- Do not over water your lawn. Water your lawn during cool times of the day, and don't let water run off into the storm drain.

### Home Repair and Improvement

- Before beginning an outdoor project, locate the nearest storm drains and protect them from debris and other materials.
- Sweep up and properly dispose of construction debris.
- Use hazardous substances like paints, solvents and cleaners in small amounts and follow the directions on the label. Clean up spills immediately and safely.
- Clean paint brushes in a sink, not outdoors. Filter and reuse paint thinner when using oil-based paint. Properly dispose of excess paints, and other hazardous materials through the Fort Bend County Recycling Center.

### Pet Care

- When walking your pet, remember to pick up the waste and dispose of it properly. Leaving waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria to wash into the storm drain and local water bodies.

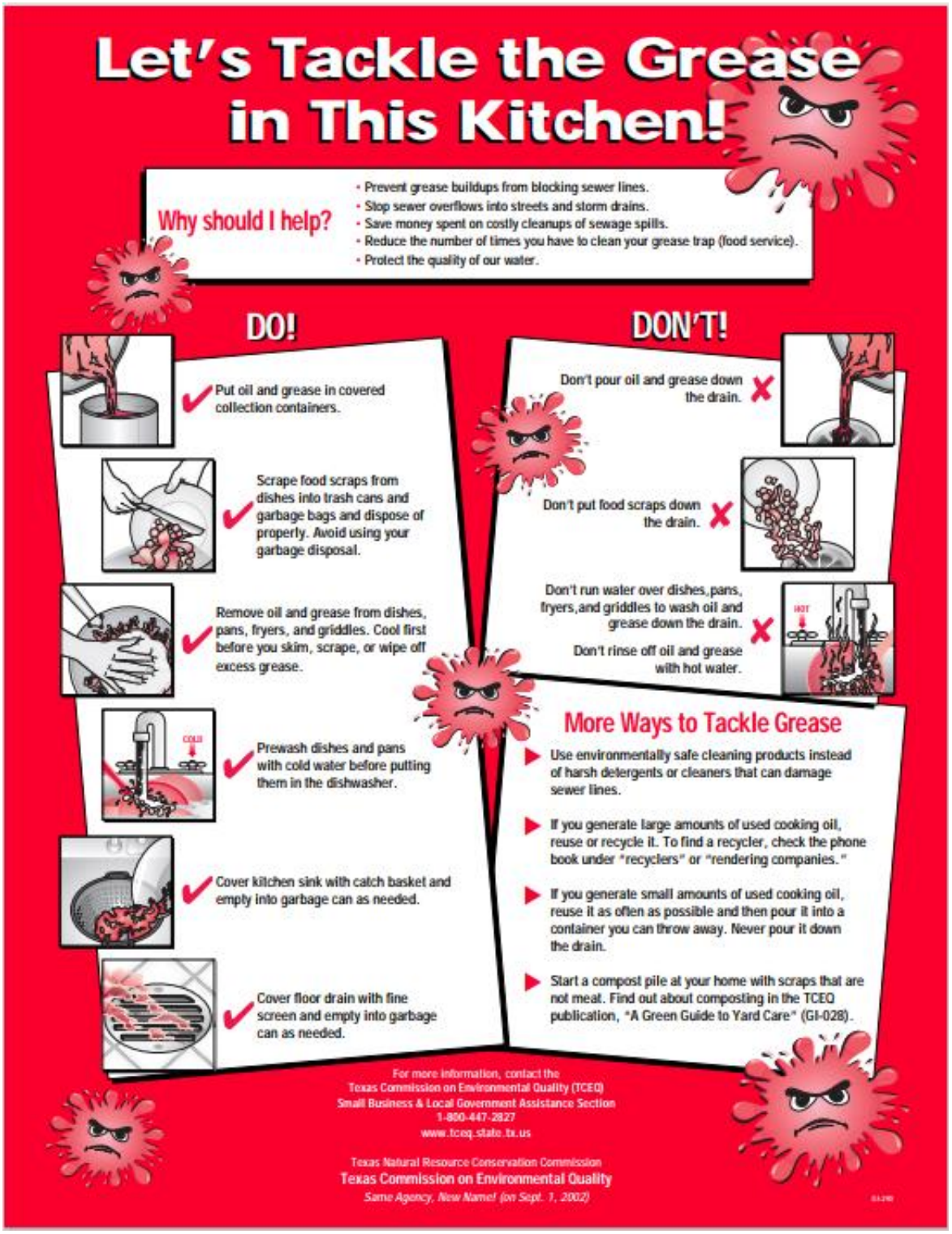
MCM - Illicit Discharge and Detection Program.

## 2.C Storm Drainage System Mapping

The City of Richmond has been aggressively updating it's current infrastructure in the GIS System for all Water, Sanitary, Storm and Construction Projects.

## 2.B Prevent Improper Waste Disposal

The Public Services – Utility Division placed brochure on the City of Richmond Website and did not do any mail outs due to Covid-19.



# ¡Ataquemos a la Grasa en Esta Cocina!

## ¿Por qué tengo que ayudar yo?

- Evitar acumulaciones de grasa que obstruyan las líneas del drenaje.
- Detener los desbordamientos de drenaje hacia la calle y desagües pluviales.
- Ahorrar dinero que se gasta en limpiezas costosas por derrames de drenaje.
- Reducir el número de veces que se tienen que limpiar las trampas de grasa (servicio de alimentos).
- Proteger la calidad de nuestra agua.

## ¡HACER!

✔ Poner el aceite y la grasa en contenedores cerrados para colección.

✔ Quitar las sobras de comida en los trastes y tirarlas a las bolsas para basura y eliminarlas debidamente. Evite usar su triturador de basura.

✔ Quítele el aceite y la grasa a los trastes, ollas, freidoras y parrillas. Primero enfríe antes de tallar o limpiar el exceso de grasa.

✔ Enjuague los trastes y ollas con agua fría antes de ponerlos en la lavadora para trastes.

✔ Cubra el fregadero de la cocina con canasta para capturar y vaciela en el bote para basura conforme sea necesario.

✔ Cubra el resumidero en el piso con un cedazo fino y vaciarlo en el bote de la basura conforme sea necesario.

## ¡NO HACER!

No vacie aceite y grasa por el desagüe. ✘

No tire por el desagüe sobras de comida. ✘

No enjuague los trastes, ollas, freidoras y parrillas con agua para tirar el aceite y la grasa por el desagüe. ✘

No enjuague el aceite y grasa con agua caliente.

## Mas Maneras de Atacar la Grasa

- Use productos de limpieza ambientalmente seguros en lugar de detergentes o limpiadores ásperos que pueden dañar las líneas del drenaje.
- Si genera grandes cantidades de aceite para cocinar usado, reusar o reciclar. Para encontrar a un reciclador, revise el directorio telefónico bajo "recicladores."
- Si usted genera pequeñas cantidades de aceite usado para cocinar, reusar tan seguido como sea posible y luego vacielo en un contenedor que pueda tirar. *Nunca* lo vacie por el desagüe.
- Empiece un apilamiento de abono en su casa con sobras de alimentos que no contengan carne. Infórmese acerca del composteo en la publicación de TCEQ *Una Guía Verde para el Cuidado del Patio* (GI-028).

Para mayor información comunicarse a:
Comisión de la Calidad Ambiental de Texas (TCEQ por sus siglas en inglés)
Sección de Asistencia a Pequeños Negocios y Gobiernos Locales
1-800-447-2827
www.tceq.state.tx.us

Comisión de Texas para la Conservación de los Recursos Naturales
Comisión de Calidad Ambiental de Texas
*¡ Misma agencia, nombre nuevo! (a partir del 1º de sept. 2002)*

## 5.B Waste Disposal

Pet Waste Stations were implemented in City of Richmond Parks for 2021.

MCM - Pollution Prevention Good House Keeping for Municipal Operations

### 5.D Litter Control

The Solid Waste department ensures that each resident who receives garbage pick-up also receives curbside recycling. The City of Richmond currently contracts with GFL Services to provide curbside recycling and garbage pick up to the residents.

Departments » Public Works » Sanitation »

## Recycling

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Reduce, reuse and recycle are important reminders in today's world. Recycling provides an opportunity to reduce the amount of waste going to our landfills, save energy and conserve natural resources. Never, never put anything into a storm drain, no exceptions.

Upon Request, each household is provided one blue recycle bin.

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**All solid waste, recycling, heavy item (once-a-month) and lawn/limb compost shall be placed at the curb no later than 7:00 a.m. on the day of collection.**

The following is accepted:

**Mixed Paper:** Newspapers, magazines, catalogs, phone books, office paper, school paper, junk mail, envelopes, and paperback books.

**Cardboard, Paperboard and Paper Bags:** Breakdown boxes for disposal. Please make sure they are not contaminated by food, liquid or waste.

**Aluminum, Steel and Tin:** Aluminum cans, foil, food trays, steel and tin cans. Please make sure they are not contaminated by food, liquid or waste.

**Plastics #1 - #5 and #7:** Within each chasing arrows triangle, there is a number which ranges from one to seven. The purpose of the number is to identify the type of plastic used for the product, and not all plastics are recyclable or even reusable. (#6 is not accepted. This is styrofoam.) Please make sure they are not contaminated by food, liquid or waste.

**Glass Bottles and Jars:** Glass bottles and jars (all colors) can be recycled in your blue recycle cart. All other types of glass, including broken glass, drinking glasses, ceramics, etc. should be put in your garbage cart. Please make sure they are not contaminated by food, liquid or waste.

**Cartons:** Milk, juice, broth, soup and other food and beverage cartons. Please make sure they are not contaminated by food, liquid or waste.

**Unacceptable items:** plastic grocery bags, styrofoam, plastic wrap, aerosol cans of any type or scrap metal.

Holiday Recycling Tips - Here are tips to become better recyclers during the holiday season! Americans generate 25% more waste between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. Remarkably, about 80% of what is thrown away during the holidays could actually be recycled or repurposed.

# Solid Waste FAQs

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**Helpful Tips About Your Garbage Pickup Service:** We offer twice a week curbside residential solid waste (automation) collection. Carts should be curbside by 7 a.m., with 3 feet of space between any other objects such as cars, mailboxes, fences, etc. The collection arm on the automated truck requires space to make the collection safely. Please keep the containers away from obstacles that may interfere with the collection. Placement of your poly cart in the correct position is critical to servicing your residence as this collection is done by automation. GFL is not responsible for moving the carts from blocked areas during the collection process.

Please do not overfill your poly cart, the lids should close completely. Overfilled poly carts can cause spillage during the collection process and litter your property and neighborhood streets. Overfilled poly carts will not be serviced. Please do not put garbage bags on top of the cart. Your cart should be loose enough to come out when tipped during servicing. Tightly compacted bags or trash inside the cart may not come out when serviced. GFL is not responsible for garbage that spills during the collection process.

**How do I report at missed service?** Please contact GFL at 281-368-8397 or notify the City at 281-342-0559.

**Who do I contact about setting up new trash service?** Please contact the City of Richmond at 281-342-5456.

**I have more garbage than can fit in the cart. Can I get an additional cart or use my own?** Are you recycling? Recycling materials will give you more room in your garbage cart. Additional garbage carts are available for an additional monthly fee and can be requested by contacting GFL at 281-368-8397. Residents are to use GFL issued garbage carts; personal trash cans are not allowed for trash collection.

**My poly cart is damaged or missing. How can I get a replacement cart?** Please contact GFL at 281-368-8397 and notify them of the damaged or missing cart. The cart will be repaired or replaced if it is stolen or damaged beyond repair.

**What items are not accepted in the trash?** GFL will not pick up automobile parts, tree stumps and logs heavier than 50 pounds and greater than 4 feet in length, dirt, construction debris, concrete, bricks, rocks, roofing materials, metal poles, trampoline frames, highly volatile, toxic or hazardous chemicals, lead batteries, motor oil, tires, gasoline, paint or fence pickets with nails.

Items like construction debris; you may dispose of the material at a local landfill for a fee.

**When is heavy trash/appliance pickup?** GFL will properly collect and dispose of up to 5 cubic yards or less per collection day, per account, such as washing machines, dryers and hot water heaters once a week on Wednesdays. Large items and appliances are picked up at the curbside. Some large or unusually heavy items are not collected at the curbside. Please call the GFL at 281-368-8397 if you have a question about a particular item. Bulky waste does not include construction refuse, demolition refuse, or hazardous or electronic wastes. Most likely, appliance stores will take the old appliances with the purchase of new ones.

Any appliance containing refrigerant/freon must be certified and tagged by a professional to be free of refrigerants. Our solid waste carrier will not remove the item without the certificate tag. If the item is a refrigerator/freezer, the doors must be removed before placing them out for collection. This is a safety measure to ensure that children do not get trapped inside.These items can be taken to the Fort Bend County Recycling Center for a fee.

Please call the Fort Bend Recycling Center at 281-633-7581 for hours of operation and information regarding acceptable materials or their website for accepted material and Fees. (Link provided below)

https://www.fortbendcountytx.gov/government/departments/county-services/recycling-center-hhw/accepted-material

**Please Consider Recycling!**

GFL provides once-a-week curbside/street recycling and provides each home with one free recycling cart. The collection program is included as part of your solid waste residential collection services. Please maintain 3 feet of space around all sides of the poly cart. Additional recycling carts are available for an additional monthly fee and can be requested by contacting GFL at 281-368-8397.

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Note: Some of the trucks used to collect recyclables look similar to regular trash trucks.

Please be assured that the recyclables are sorted after collection and then delivered to the appropriate recycling site.

**How do I dispose of Household Hazardous Waste?** Please dispose of your old latex paint, motor oil, transmission oil, power steering fluid, batteries and antifreeze without harming the environment. Fort Bend County's Recycling Center is located at 1200 Blume Road in Rosenberg. A valid driver's license or other proof of residency in Fort Bend County is required. Please call the Recycle Center at 281-633-7581 for hours of operation and information regarding acceptable materials or their website for accepted material and Fees. (Link provided below)

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**How can I properly dispose of paint?** Wet paint cannot be collected at the curbside. Dry paint will be collected if the lid is left off the can. To dry your leftover paint, mix cat litter or other absorbent with the wet paint and allow to dry until solid. Never pour paint or anything else down the storm drain. To properly dispose of wet paint, take your leftover paint to Fort Bend County's Recycling Center.

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**How do I properly dispose of tree limbs and brush?** Grass clippings, leaves, tree trimmings, branches or other general yard waste are collected every Wednesday. This includes 8 or less, bags/bundles weighing less than 50 pounds. Brush/Limbs no larger than 3 inches in diameter and bundled 4-foot lengths. No large timbers or fence pickets with nails. Please do not use the provided solid waste or recycling poly cart for disposal of green waste.

**If you have any questions regarding your service, please call:** GFL at 281-368-8397 or wcacshouston@gflenv.com or the City of Richmond Public Works Department at 281-342-0559.

MCM - Pollution Prevention Good House Keeping for Municipal Operations.

**5.D Litter Control**

City of Richmond had two events for City wide Clean Up.  Keep Richmond Beautiful also organized a Shredding Document Event.

News

**KRB and City of Richmond Partner for Fall Document Shred Event**

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**(Richmond, Texas)-** Keep Richmond Beautiful and the City of Richmond are partnering again for the Fall's Document Shred Event on Saturday, October 19, 2024 to offer FREE document shredding at City Hall from 9 AM to 12 Noon. Pro Shred Security will be available to shred documents onsite for City of Richmond residents and MUDs who receive a Richmond utility bill.  ID is required; bring your City of Richmond water bill stub for identification purposes. This is a Drive-thru event for easy drop for participants - Stay in car and place all items ir trunk. Keep Richmond Beautiful volunteers will unload participant's trunks.

WHAT CAN YOU BRING?

All paper, file folders, hanging files, notepads, envelopes, CD's & DVD's.  No need to remove staples, paperclips, and fasteners, rubber bands.  *No 3-Ring Binders accepted!*

For more information on the shredding event, contact Keep Richmond Beautiful Chair, Pat Pittman at 713-301-6786.

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