



How You Can Help:

You can help by being a part of the solution and not the problem. Below are a few ways that you can help Granite Falls ensure that our streams, Lake Gardner and the Pilchuck River stay clean and safe for generations to come.

Properly dispose of hazardous waste and recycle used motor oil. Snohomish County operates a hazardous waste disposal and recycling site facility in Everett. In addition there are round up events in local communities.

Use fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides sparingly and follow the manufacturer's instructions or use natural yard care techniques.

Keep yard waste, trash, and debris off the street and out of the gutters. You can help the flow of stormwater by adopting the catch basin closest to your home and regularly remove any accumulation of leaves and debris. You can also help by not raking or blowing leaves and debris into the streets.

Clean up after your pets. Pet waste is a major source of bacteria and nutrients that are harmful to streams. Pick it up and dispose of it properly.

Wash your car at a carwash facility or park your car in the grass before you wash it. The mixture of soap and grime that is created by washing your car is toxic to fish and other wildlife. If you use a carwash facility, the wash water is recycled and left over pollutants are sent to the sewage treatment plant.

Get involved and be a part of the solution. Spread the word about protecting our streams and habitat from polluted runoff and help Granite Falls create a successful Stormwater Management Program. If you have any questions or comments about Granite Falls' Stormwater Management Program, please contact us.

Construct a Rain Garden to minimize the impact of stormwater on water quality – Rain Garden Handbook
Stormwater System and Maintenance.

The Granite Falls stormwater conveyance system is designed to collect, treat, and slowly release stormwater to our streams and ground water supply. Regular maintenance of the system will help ensure proper function and meet water quality standards. However, all of us need to help by not putting bad stuff into the storm drainage system. If you are wondering whether or not it should go into the storm drainage system the answer is probably "No it should not!"