

Stormwater Management

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The Importance of Stormwater Management

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The Center for Watershed

Protection stated the

water quality impacts

from urban runoff are

significant, and that

streams, lakes and

estuaries are

contaminated due to this

runoff. Water runoff is

excess water that

penetrates and travels

over land. which

ultimately finds its way to a common point. The common point where

Fairview's water runoff travels is Lake Lavon, which also supplies the town

with its drinking water. The majority of our runoff is produced by rain,

melting snow/ice, and residential/commercial water sprinklers. Fairview's

Town Engineer James Chancellor made the following points:

- There are a lot of effective organic alternatives to commercial fertilizers and pesticides.
- A good source in the DFW area is www.dirtdoctor.com. This is Howard Garrett's website, the renowned expert in the Dallas area.
- Whatever you place on your yard ends up in Lake Lavon, our drinking water supply
- Please visit Mr. Garrett's website and click the **LEARN** tab, then the **VIDEO LIBRARY** and watch the Vinegar 101 video. Since it's nearing weed killing time, you'll be surprised to know how easy it is to make an effective and cheap herbicide out of something as simple as vinegar as a main ingredient.
- Let's all educate ourselves so we can know the alternatives that are out there and help keep our surface waters clean of chemicals that end up in area streams and lakes.

