Keeping Storm Water Clean is Everybody’s Business!

Rain that falls onto Kirtland flows across the pavement and roads and comes in contact with all types of pollutants ranging from dripped vehicle fluids to accumulated debris and dirt...

That storm water flows into our gutters, arroyos, and storm sewers...

And eventually makes its way to the Rio Grande River, where polluted storm water can affect the quality of the water in the river for wildlife, recreational uses, and drinking water supply.

What you and your family can do to prevent storm water pollution!

- Apply pesticides and fertilizers sparingly.
- Place trash in a sturdy container with a lid.
- Properly dispose of hazardous household chemicals.
- Use the Auto Hobby Shop or a licensed mechanic for vehicle maintenance and repairs.
- Avoid drips and spills by keeping vehicles in good working order.
- Clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent material.
- Properly dispose of used oil and vehicle fluids.
- Use a commercial car wash.
- Pick up pet waste.

Help prevent storm water pollution by reporting potential problems. Clues to storm water pollution include discoloration, surface scum, oil sheen, suspended sediment and debris, or a pungent odor coming from a storm drain or outfall pipe. If you suspect pollutants are spilling into a Kirtland storm drain, tell us the nature and location of the problem. For your safety, stay clear of polluted flows. If you see illegal dumping, or any other suspicious activities, then please contact the Kirtland Air Force Base Water Program Manager at (505) 846-6362 or victoria.branson@us.af.mil.