



## **Your new yard can make a difference to our water quality.**

The Stormwater Division of Castle Rock Water welcomes you to our community! As an award winning utility, we feel it is important to engage with our customers in providing the best water service. Stormwater is about making sure rain and snowmelt flowing off new construction areas is safely managed, and the water remains clean before it enters our streams and reservoirs. If you'll be installing landscaping around a new home, or retrofitting the landscaping around an existing home, we need your help protecting our waterways and water quality.

### **Until landscaping is installed**

If your house is new, chances are landscaping on all or a portion of your lot has not yet been completed. Your builder was required to place temporary barriers to contain sediment on the property at closing. These products are to remain in place temporarily and should be disposed of when landscaping is complete.

### **Install landscaping promptly**

Installing permanent landscaping for a new home is an important step in reducing water quality impacts from construction. Cover exposed soils as promptly as possible to minimize erosion and soil accumulation on streets and in the storm drain system. Conditions resulting in erosion and excessive water are usually solved when landscaping throughout the neighborhood has matured.

### **Follow drainage patterns**

When (re)designing landscaping, be aware of drainage patterns which are designed to safely take water away from your yard and protect your foundation. Your property has a drainage certification, which your builder provided with your purchase documents. Check with your builder when designing landscaping to ensure the finished product is consistent with your terms of warranty. Copies of drainage certifications are available through the Building Division (720-733-3527) upon request.

### **Hire knowledgeable contractors**

Professional landscapers working in Castle Rock are required to be registered with the Town and follow Town regulations. Please be your own advocate and ensure contractors maintain grading and drainage requirements. All Town regulations are available online at [CRgov.com](http://CRgov.com). Please consult your homeowner's association (HOA) for additional landscape requirements.

### **Permits for retaining walls and other structures**

If you are installing retaining walls over four feet in height (including footing) or doing structural modifications, please contact the Building Division (720-733-3527) to discuss permit requirements. Be aware that your HOA may also have restrictions or approvals for building structures.

## Fertilize sparingly

Water from our storm drains flows directly to our rivers and creeks, which eventually becomes our tap water. Fertilizer is a primary pollutant which affects the purification process and adversely affects wildlife. When fertilizing, use low phosphorous, slow release products, and do not overwater. Sweep or blow any excess fertilizer and glass clippings inadvertently spread onto streets, sidewalks and driveways back onto the lawn. Pet waste is not fertilizer and should be collected and properly disposed of in the trash.

## Be aware of flood safety

Drainage channels, detention ponds and storm drains in your neighborhood are designed to convey water safely away from buildings to prevent flooding. Inherent risks exist in and near these facilities and should not be areas for recreation, especially when flowing water is present. Stormwater structures also should not be tampered with nor obstructed to ensure they function properly at all times.

## Prevent pollution

Stormwater flows untreated to local creeks, rivers and lakes. You play a vital role in keeping our waterways clean. Washing and dumping of wastes into the storm drain is a threat to our lakes and streams. Call the Stormwater Hotline at 720-733-2235 or email us at [Stormwater@CRgov.com](mailto:Stormwater@CRgov.com) to report any spills or discharge of pollutants into storm drains and local waterways.

## Household Chemical Roundup

Drop off your left-over pesticides, automobile fluids, light bulbs, tires, and oil-based paint at one of the Tri-County Health Department's chemical roundup events. Castle Rock Water hosts one event each fall. For more information please call 720-200-1592 or visit [www.tchd.org](http://www.tchd.org).

**Stormwater Hotline: 720-733-2235**

**Please report illegal and accidental dumping**



## Spring Up the Creek

Join your neighbors, students, Town staff, and others for the annual Spring Up the Creek to remove trash and prevent it from getting into our waterways. Not only does this May event make Castle Rock more beautiful, but helps maintain the water quality in our creeks. Volunteers are given gloves, bags and, if needed, transportation to various creek sites. Adding to the festivities, sponsorships provide free t-shirts, breakfast and kids' crafts. For more information, visit [CRgov.com/SpringUp](http://CRgov.com/SpringUp).



**Our creeks,  
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