

City of Sherman

Storm Water General Information

Drainage and Storm Water Management

The City provides maintenance for the city's storm drainage system, which includes bridges, culverts, closed storm drains and those areas where the city has drainage easements. Work accomplished in this area includes the removal of accumulated sediment and debris and the repair of concrete structures and pipe.

Rules for creek maintenance

Citizens often have questions about grass and weed mowing in ditches and creeks. Under state law and city ordinance, the City is not responsible for routine maintenance of creeks, streams, ditches, or drainage easements.

Under city ordinance, depositing brush and trash in streams, ditches or drainage easements is illegal. Property owners are asked to help maintain ditches and drainage easements, as they are, in most cases, private property.

Please report illegal dumping to Sherman Police Department at 903-892-7290. Report blocked water flow or suspected pollution problems to the City's Action Line 300 at 903-892-7300.

Storm Water Pollution Prevention

New federal and state regulations require action by the City of Sherman to minimize pollution carried by storm water runoff.

Many people do not realize that most storm drains transfer water directly to local streams and ponds, rather than to a water treatment system. Storm water discharges are generated by runoff from land and impervious areas such as paved streets, parking lots, and building rooftops during rainfall and snow storms. Often, the runoff contains pollutants in quantities that could adversely affect water quality. Additional pollutants come from people disposing of lawn clippings, used motor oil or hazardous chemicals in storm drains, which puts these materials straight into Sherman's waterways.

Mandated by Congress under the Clean Water Act, the NPDES Storm Water Program is a comprehensive national program that requires the implementation of controls that prevent harmful pollutants from being washed by storm water runoff into local water bodies such as Post Oak Creek.

The City of Sherman has prepared a plan to comply with these rules. The local program will include providing public education and involvement, detecting and eliminating illicit discharge in storm drains, managing construction site runoff and runoff in the built environment, and preventing pollution. For information call 903-892-7077.

To report potential water pollution issues, please contact 903-892-7077 during normal business hours (Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.), or call 903-892-7258 after hours, during holidays, and on weekends.

