

## **Be Aware...**

- Stormwater is water that runs off surfaces such as roofs, lawns, streets, and driveways after it rains or snows.
- Our stormwater runoff is NOT treated or cleaned! It runs off pavement into storm drains and will end up in streams that flow into the Stones River.
- Stormwater is one of the main reasons that pollution ends up in local streams.
- The water supplied to most households in Murfreesboro comes from the Stones River.
- Common water pollutants in Murfreesboro streams include:
  - yard waste and litter
  - pet waste and bacteria
  - dirt and sediment
  - nutrients in soaps and fertilizers
  - automotive and household chemicals

## **Because You Care...**

- Keep dirt, litter, and yard debris out of the street and away from storm drains.
- Clean up pet waste.
- Sweep (not hose) dirt, fertilizer, grass, and cigarette butts from paved surfaces.
- Use fertilizers and pesticides sparingly (and not before anticipated rain).
- Fix automotive leaks and wash vehicles on the grass or at a car wash facility.
- Recycle automotive and household chemicals. (Never pour oil or chemicals on the ground or down a storm drain.)

## **Clean Water Begins at Home**



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