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### PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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PSA: Tell me about MS4s

Okay, you have heard of the term MS4, but what does it mean? MS4 stands for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System. It represents the variety of structures that quickly remove stormwater and snow melt from streets and parking lots to prevent flooding in the city. Some of the structures that are part of this system to carry the water away from our homes and businesses include not only the drains you see at the curb, but also ditches, gutters, and swales – those gently sloping areas beside the road. The water enters these conveyance systems and moves quickly to streams, rivers, and detention ponds to prevent flooding of roads and lots.

Cities like Richmond are regulated by several government agencies to maintain their stormwater systems with the ultimate goal of only rain or snow melt in the conveyance systems – no pollutants. It is the responsibility of all of us, from large companies to individuals, to keep the water entering the streams and rivers clear of pollutants. Not only does wildlife use these bodies of water, people downstream are also using it as a source of drinking water.

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Remember: **ONLY RAIN IN THE STORM DRAIN** – anything else is a pollutant.

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