

CITY OF LYNDEN
**Community
Solutions for
Clean Water**

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Stormwater runoff is water from rain or melting snow that “runs off” the land instead of seeping into the ground. Generally speaking, stormwater is rain that washes off driveways, parking lots, roads, yards, rooftops, and other hard surfaces. Stormwater runoff is a concern, because it can pollute lakes and streams.

Did you know?



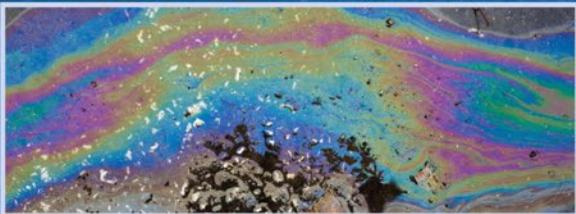
Storm drains do not drain to the sewer treatment plant.

None of Lynden’s stormwater is sent to the local sewage treatment plant. Newer developments usually have some on-site treatment, such as retention/detention ponds, but most of Lynden’s stormwater drains directly to the creeks and rivers.



Polluted stormwater can harm or kill fish and wildlife.

Salmon need cold and clean water to survive. Protecting our waters, salmon and other wildlife also helps protect the health of people too.



Stormwater can potentially be very dirty water that carries pollutants to our lakes and creeks.

As rain water flows towards our storm drains it picks up all kinds of pollutants, such as:

- Oil and metal particles from our cars
- Chemicals and dirt from our yards
- Bacteria from our pets’ waste and from leaking septic systems



Stormwater can make our waters unsafe for swimming, fishing or harvesting shellfish.

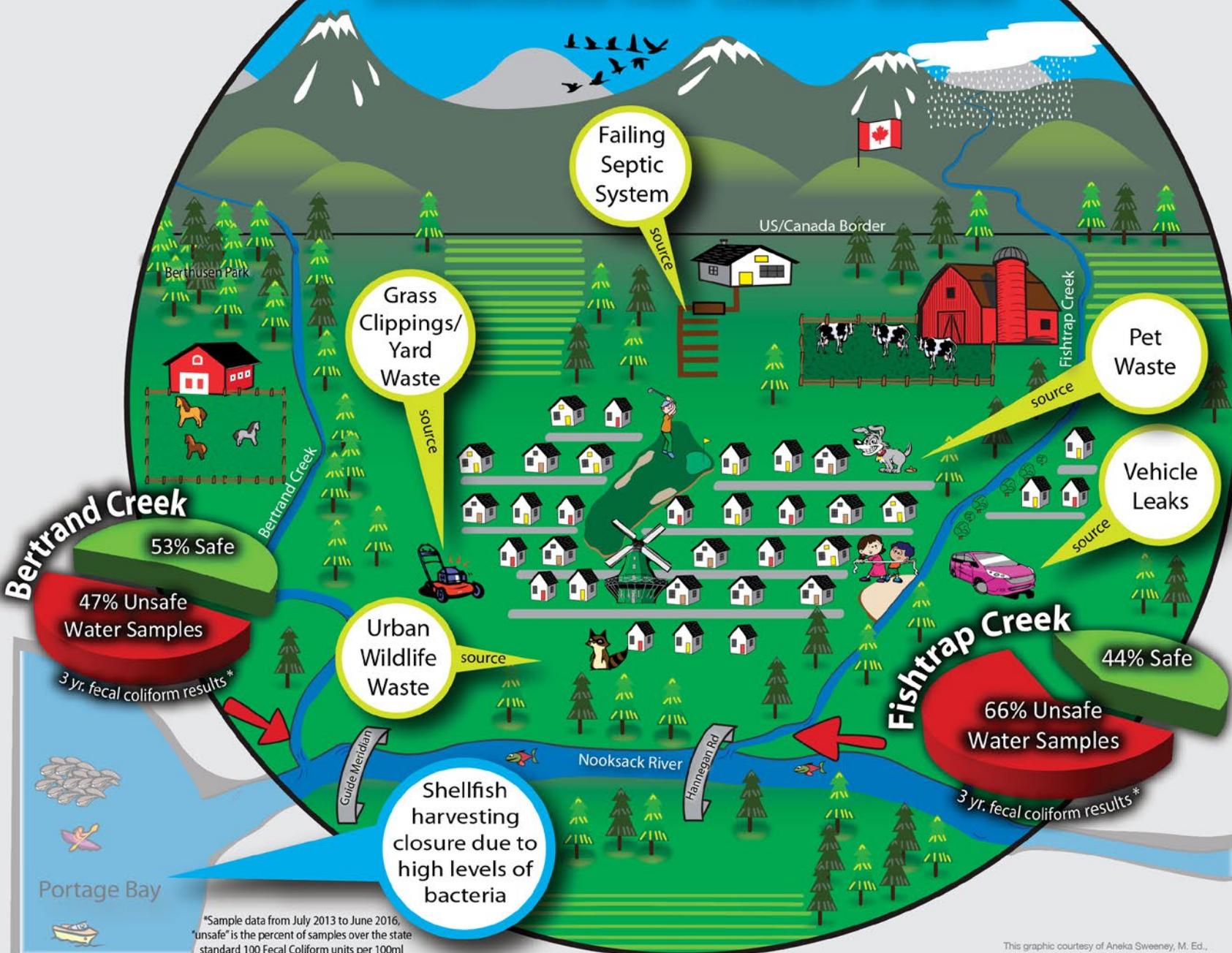
Before you and your family head out to the beach, scan for posted warning signs. The State Department of Health, Department of Ecology and Whatcom County Public Health also have recreational beach closures listed on their department web sites.

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To preserve the health of our local streams, creeks and rivers, report any water pollution by calling our Public Works Stormwater Hotline at (360) 354-3446 during work hours (8 am to 5 pm) or (360) 815-5755 outside of normal work hours or dial 911. For more information visit our website at www.lyndenwa.org/departments/public-works/stormwater/

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*Sample data from July 2013 to June 2016, "unsafe" is the percent of samples over the state standard 100 Fecal Coliform units per 100ml

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Nothing but rain down the drain

- 1 Always pick up and properly dispose of **pet waste**
- 2 **Secure trash/pet food** to discourage urban wildlife
- 3 Inspect & maintain your **septic system** regularly
- 4 Fix **vehicle leaks** promptly
- 5 **Wash your vehicles** at the car wash, not on the street
- 6 Properly dispose of your **grass clippings** in yard waste totes

Be part of the solution to pollution