

# No Dumping - Help keep our water clean for the many plants and animals that live in our rivers, canals, and lakes.



## ONLY RAIN IN THE DRAIN!

### LEAVES, GRASS AND DEBRIS CLOGS CULVERTS AND STORM DRAINS CAUSING FLOODING

#### How can I help?

- Don't blow, sweep or dump grass clippings and yard waste into streets, ditches, drive ways, or storm drains.
- Blow or sweep away from roads, ditches, gutters, and areas of run off
- Bag grass clippings and leaves for landfill disposal or use other proper disposal methods like composting
- Use composted material to reduce the use and cost of fertilizers
- Don't overuse pesticides, herbicides or fertilizers on your lawn, especially if the forecast calls for rain
- Don't hose sand or soil into the gutter
- Advise neighbors that blowing grass clippings onto the street or storm drains will cause storm water pollution
- Ensure your lawn maintenance contractor operates in accordance with the Code of Ordinances
- Get involved! Share the information in this brochure with friends, family and neighbors
- Pick up and dispose of pet waste



**St. John Code of Ordinances, Chapter 42 - Utilities, Article IV. - Sewage Disposal. Section 42-78. - Prohibitions and limitations on discharges into the public storm drainage system.(c) (5), which reads as follows:**

*Solid or Viscous waste.* Solid or viscous wastes that will or may cause obstruction to the flow in a drainage canal or otherwise interfere with the proper operation of the drainage system. Prohibited materials include, but are not limited to, **grease, garbage**, animal guts or tissues, paunch manure, bones, hair, hides or fleshings, entrails, whole blood, feathers, ashes, cinders, sand, spent lime or lime wastes, stone or marble dust, metal, glass, straw, **shavings, grass clippings**, rags, spent grains, spent hops, waste paper, wood, plastic, tar, asphalt residues, residues from refining or processing of fuel or **lubricating oil**, and similar substances.

