

# Report Spills

**BOULDER COUNTY SHERIFF  
COMMUNICATION DISPATCH**

**303-441-4444**

**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS  
INFORMATION LINE**

**303-441-4800**

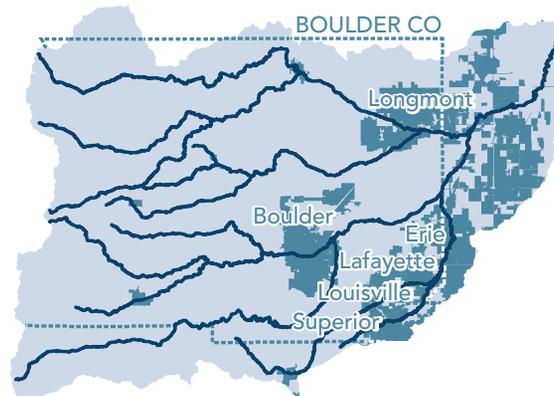
**REPORT NON-EMERGENCY POLLUTION AT  
[KEEPITCLEANPARTNERSHIP.ORG/REPORT](http://KEEPITCLEANPARTNERSHIP.ORG/REPORT)**



## BOULDER ST. VRAIN WATERSHED

Our watershed is home to over 300,000 residents who depend on it for drinking water, floodplain functions, recreation, and other services. A watershed is an area of land where all streams and rainfall drain to the same place. A healthy watershed means a healthy community, environment, and economy.

Learn more about our watershed and how you can help protect it at [KeepitCleanPartnership.org](http://KeepitCleanPartnership.org).



### WHAT TO WATCH FOR:

- Leaking vehicles
- Dirt from construction projects
- Rinse water from cleaning
- Materials stored without a cover
- Dumping of any other materials



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# Simple Steps to Take at Home

**WATER PROTECTION GUIDE**



## Home Maintenance

- Sweep up litter and dirt from sidewalks and driveways
- Dump wash water into indoor sink drains or directly onto landscaped areas
- Shovel snow onto lawns and use deicers sparingly
- Dechlorinate and carefully drain pools and spas
- If on a septic system, get it inspected regularly and visit [SepticSmart.org](http://SepticSmart.org)



## Car Maintenance

- Use a commercial car wash that treats its used water
- If at home, wash your car in the yard so the water soaks into the ground
- Pour used soapy water down the sink, not in the street
- Use cat litter or sawdust to soak up grease spills and put it in the trash
- Prevent and repair fluid leaks with regular maintenance



## Lawn and Garden

- Adjust your sprinklers or watering schedule to avoid overwatering lawns
- Follow instructions and use fertilizers and pesticides sparingly
- Do not fertilize before it rains
- Remove lawn waste from paved areas



## Household Waste

- Securely close trash and recycle bins
- Reduce waste and compost food scraps
- Dispose of household hazardous waste properly and never pour it down the drain



## Pet Waste

- Always dispose of pet waste in the trash
- When walking or hiking, pick up pet waste and carry it with you
- Pick up pet waste in your yard

# From your Home to the Creek



Common household activities can be sources of pollutants



Rain and snow pick up pollutants and carry them into roads as stormwater



Stormwater enters storm drains on roads and flows through underground channels



Stormwater flows through these channels directly into local creeks without being treated