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Healthy  
Bay

# STORMWATER BINGO

**Stormwater** is water that collects in the streets, sidewalks, and everywhere else when it rains, when you water your lawn, or when you wash your car. This water flows through our neighborhoods, picking up pollution along the way, and eventually makes its way into Commencement Bay.

As you walk through your neighborhood, keep an eye out for the items you see on your BINGO card. When you find one those items along your walk, cross it off, and match it with the square on the back of your card to learn more about keeping our waters clean and healthy!



<p><b>① Storm Drain Marker</b></p> <p>Storm Drain Markers that say “No Dumping Drains to Puget Sound” serve as a reminder to our neighbors that only rain should go down the drain!</p>	<p><b>② Storm Drain</b></p> <p>Did you find a Storm Drain without a marker? If you’re interested in helping your neighbors learn about stormwater by marking storm drains, send us an email at <a href="mailto:chb@healthybay.org">chb@healthybay.org</a></p>	<p><b>③ Pet Waste Station</b></p> <p>Awesome! Your neighbors have easy access to dog waste bags so they can easily cleanup after their dog.</p>	<p><b>④ Dog Waste</b></p> <p>Harmful bacteria that can make you and our fish friends sick is found in dog waste. When it rains, this bacteria gets washed into our Bay. If you’re interested in sponsoring a Pet Waste Station in your neighborhood, email <a href="mailto:acopado@cityoftacoma.org">acopado@cityoftacoma.org</a>.</p>
<p><b>⑤ Yard with Many Kinds of Plants</b></p> <p>Great! Trees and bushes are great at soaking up water, keeping it in the ground before it runs into the Bay.</p>	<p><b>⑥ Rain</b></p> <p>Rain water hits the ground, and picks up pollution as it makes it way into the Bay.</p>	<p><b>⑦ Gravel or Dirt Paths</b></p> <p>Gravel or dirt pathways do a better job of soaking up rainwater than pavement, and help prevent stormwater from ending up in the Bay.</p>	<p><b>⑧ Car Washing in Your Yard</b></p> <p>Super! The grass and dirt in your yard will soak up the soapy water from washing your car, preventing it from running down the nearby storm drain.</p>
<p><b>⑨ Dandelions</b></p> <p>Cool! This means your neighbor is not using harsh herbicides in their yard. The chemicals in herbicides and pesticides can collect in stormwater and harm aquatic life once it enters our waters.</p>	<p><b>⑩ Hose</b></p> <p>Water from a hose acts just like rain, and any water from the hose will run off directly into the Bay.</p>	<p><b>⑪ Car Washing in the Road or Your Driveway</b></p> <p>Whoops! If you wash your car in your paved driveway, the soapy water will run right off and into the nearby storm drain. Soap often has chemicals in it that are harmful to marine life.</p>	<p><b>⑫ Yard with Only Grass</b></p> <p>Grass does not do a good job at soaking up water, so when it rains anything that is in the grass (like dog poop, pesticides, or fertilizer) will be collected in the rain and run-off into a nearby storm drain.</p>
<p><b>⑬ Downspout</b></p> <p>Downspouts collect rainwater from your roof. One cool thing you can do is collect the rainwater from your downspout and use it to water your houseplants or garden.</p>	<p><b>⑭ Sprinkler</b></p> <p>Running a sprinkler acts just like rain, and any water from the sprinkler will run off directly into Puget Sound.</p>	<p><b>⑮ Car Leaking Oil</b></p> <p>Leaky cars drip oil onto the street or driveway. When it rains, this oil is picked up by the rainwater and eventually makes its way into the Bay.</p>	<p><b>⑯ Trash</b></p> <p>Bummer! Any trash in the road or on the sidewalks will get picked up by rainwater and will end up directly in Puget Sound.</p>