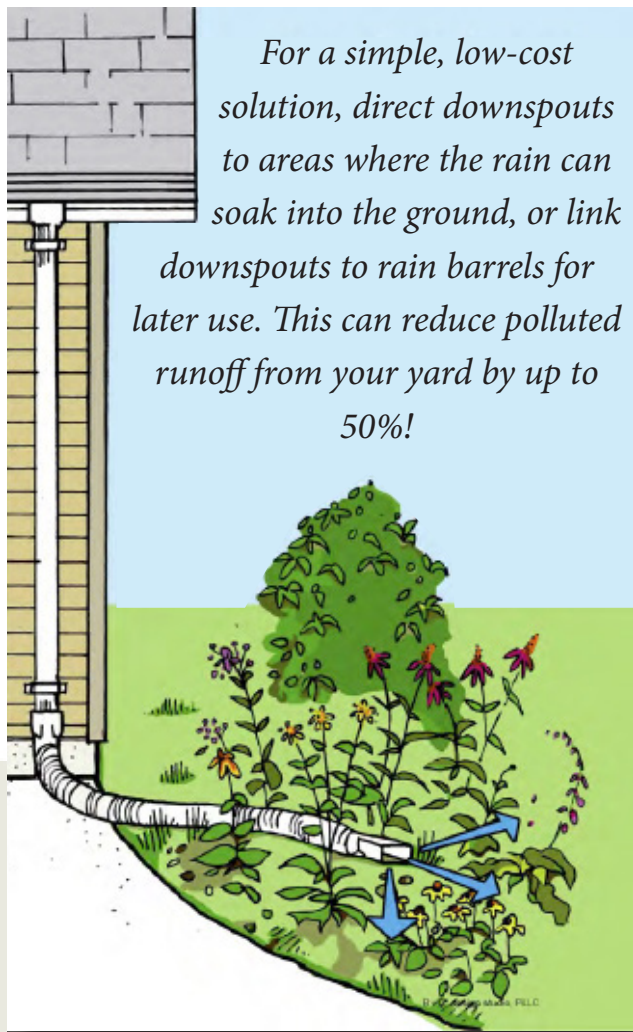




Downspout Reroute

Reduce the amount of stormwater runoff leaving your property. It's simple and inexpensive!

For a simple, low-cost solution, direct downspouts to areas where the rain can soak into the ground, or link downspouts to rain barrels for later use. This can reduce polluted runoff from your yard by up to 50%!



Why should I do it?

Stormwater runoff carries pollution such as pet waste, fertilizer, and litter straight to our waterways - untreated. Rerouting downspouts onto your lawn or landscaped areas allows stormwater to soak into the ground naturally, instead of allowing polluted runoff to flow into creeks and waterways. And as an added bonus, your plants prefer mineral and nutrient-rich rainwater over treated tap water. This also helps save you money on your water bill! And if you use a rain barrel, you can water your plants on those not-so-rainy days!

How do I do it?

There are a few ways to reroute your downspout. The easiest method is to purchase a low-cost flexible gutter extender that directs the runoff from your roof to a rain barrel or your rain garden, lawn, or other landscaping. There are also low-profile extenders so you can divert water across a walkway without creating a tripping hazard. A more permanent solution is to purchase a new, rigid fitting for the end of the gutter that redirects flow without the extender. Parts can be purchased at your local hardware store. Every option is easy and inexpensive and makes a big difference for our waterways!

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