

## **Storm Water Management in School District 11**

*Colorado Springs School District #11 recognizes the need to protect our environment. One of the most important elements in the complex environmental web is clean water. The need to protect our environment has resulted in a number of control laws, regulations and programs. For example, in 1987, Congress established the Nonpoint Source Management Program under the Clean Water Act. These programs recommend where and how to use best management practices to keep runoff from becoming polluted.*

*We can all play a hand in preventing run-off pollution:*

- o Don't litter*
- o Don't wash your car where the detergent water can run into the storm drains or into a creek*
- o Use biodegradable soaps, fertilizers, etc.*
- o Reduce fertilizer on gardens and lawns*
- o Recycle chemicals such as used oil, detergents, paints, science lab chemicals, and grease that could harm our water quality.*
- o Pick up animal feces from your yard*
- o Use proper materials to clean up spills of gas and other potentially harmful chemicals before they can drain into storm drains or creeks.*
- o Don't dump in the wrong places. Use a landfill.*
- o Avoid causing erosion.*

*School District 11 has a program to reduce this stormwater runoff pollution. If you witness illegal dumping of used oil, or other illicit dumping on school grounds, please report it by calling City of Colorado Springs Code Enforcement at (719) 444-7891 and School District #11 Facilities Department (719) 477-6004.*

*Together, we can make a difference*