

## Minimizing the impacts of stormwater

You may notice something different about your bill

The stormwater charge appears as a separate item on your utility bill once every year.

For more information, visit vaughan.ca/stormwater.





This charge has funded more than 300 initiatives.



## Going with the stormwater flow

## The City of Vaughan is committed to continuing to develop stormwater management initiatives to help protect your property, the environment and water quality.



Stormwater is rainwater and melted snow that runs off lawns, streets and other surfaces into storm drains and ditches



Hard surfaces – like parking lots, driveways and roofs – prevent this runoff from partially soaking into the ground.



Stormwater runoff can pick up pollutants such as bacteria and garbage before flowing into storm drains.



Stormwater can cause flooding and property damage.



Stormwater can impact water quality and result in loss of aquatic life and diversity.



Rain gardens installed near roof waterspouts or driveways capture and filter stormwater.



Staff maintain drainage pipes and stormwater outlets.



Disposing of toxic products at local hazardous waste depots prevents contamination.



Use biodegradable fertilizers that contain no harmful chemicals to help reduce pollutants.



Using rain barrels reduces the impacts of stormwater.