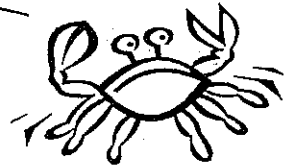


# STORM WATER WATCHERS

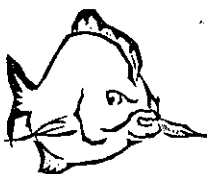
SEEK and FIND why my home is polluted



**WETLANDS** have soils and plants that act like **SPONGES** when it rains. Wetlands are the home for many animals such as fish, birds, and crabs. Hard surfaces like rooftops and roads are just the opposite.

They are **IMPERVIOUS**. If a surface is impervious, it means that **STORM WATER** cannot **SOAK** through it. When rain falls on impervious surfaces, it becomes **RUNOFF**. Runoff goes into storm drains and **CREEKS**. Runoff picks up **LITTER** and **POLLUTION** from impervious surfaces. **OIL** and chemicals are sometimes dumped directly into a **STORM DRAIN**. Runoff does not go to the sewer plant. It is **UNTREATED**. In Wilmington, runoff goes to the **CAPE FEAR** River or the Intracoastal Waterway. Dirty runoff can harm or kill wildlife and **FISH**. We must try to keep storm water runoff **CLEAN**. Next time it rains, be a *Storm Water Watcher* by keeping litter and pollution out of the way. Only **RAIN** should go into storm drains!

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WATCH OUT FOR US FISH!  
Don't pollute storm water

Report spills and pollution right away!

