Washington Stormwater Center
Stormwater Awareness Week 2025
October 5-12, 2025

WHEREAS, stormwater comes from precipitation that falls on hard surfaces and does not soak into the ground, becoming runoff. Runoff becomes polluted (tire wear particles and vehicle fluids, fertilizers, pesticides, bacteria, sediments, litter, and/or pet waste) as it runs along roads, sidewalks, parking lots, roofs, and lawns, and

WHEREAS, runoff flows into the storm sewer that eventually flows untreated into waterways (rivers, streams, lakes, and oceans and the Columbia River, Washougal River, Gibbons Creek, Campen Creek and Lacamas Creek; and

WHEREAS, plants and soil filter water, thereby improving water quality. On-site improvements, such as porous pavement, stormwater ponds, native plants, rain gardens, bioswales, and other best management practices, help with pollution prevention and treatment in stormwater runoff and

WHEREAS, Washington State is a leader in promoting pollution prevention and mitigation for our stormwater discharges and

WHEREAS, by focusing attention on pollution prevention in stormwater runoff, Washington State will continue to meet the challenges associated with polluted runoff.
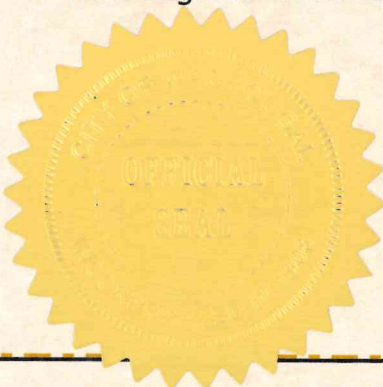
WHEREAS, Stormwater Awareness Week is an opportunity for local government, industry, and environmental organizations to recognize the potential of stormwater pollution prevention within our rivers, lakes, streams, and other water bodies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David Stuebe, the Mayor of the City of Washougal, do hereby proclaim **the week of October 5 – 12, 2025** as:

Stormwater Awareness Week

The State of Washington is calling upon each citizen and business to protect our waterbodies by participating in stormwater awareness events and activities.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Washougal to be affixed this 22nd day of September 2025.

DAVID STUEBE, Mayor of the City of Washougal
Clark County, Washington