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## ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

# Protect our water this summer

AS STORMWATER FLOWS OVER DRIVEWAYS, LAWNS, AND SIDEWALKS, IT PICKS UP DEBRIS, CHEMICALS, DIRT, AND OTHER pollutants. Stormwater can flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland, or coastal water. **Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into bodies of water we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water. Polluted runoff is the nation's greatest threat to clean water.** By practicing healthy household habits this summer, homeowners can keep common pollutants like pesticides, pet waste, grass clippings, and automotive fluids off the ground and out of stormwater.

Here are three suggestions for keeping our storm water system free from pollutants:

1 Wash your car on the lawn or other unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water that enters the storm sewer system.

2 Clean up spilled automotive fluids and use absorbent materials like cat litter or sand to control persistent fluid leaks.

3 Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. When use is necessary, only use these chemicals in the recommended amounts. You should also try not to apply lawn chemicals when the forecast calls for rain – it wastes your effort and harms the environment!

To learn more about protecting our local waterways, visit the Engineering Department's Web site at [www.cantonohio.gov/engineering](http://www.cantonohio.gov/engineering). Here you will be able to find a number of useful tips to help preserve the environment in our community for future generations! ♦



KEEP ALL HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS OUT OF STORMWATER DRAINS LIKE THE ONE PICTURED HERE TO HELP PROTECT OUR WATERWAYS

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## WATER DEPARTMENT

## Long-time Water employees retire

By Tyler Converse



THE CANTON WATER DEPARTMENT RELIES UPON THE

collective experience of its staff to ensure that the city's water resources are delivered in a safe, efficient, and reliable manner to customers. Our department has been fortunate to have some of the most dedicated and hard-working men and women as members of our staff for several decades. After an incredible run, seven of those individuals have made the decision to retire. While they will be missed, we are happy to have had the opportunity to work with them. They are: **Julia Ward** (13 years), **Dennis Randolph** (30 years), **Bruce Jones** (31 years), **William Still** (32 years), **Donald Cirelli** (33 years), **James Vrbanac** (34 years), and **Eugene Lanzo** (40 years). To those who dedicated themselves to providing Canton residents with clean, fresh water, thank you for your service! ♦