# KEEP IT CLEAN! PREVENTING STORMWATER POLLUTION AND PROTECTING OUR WATERWAYS



# WHERE DOES THE RAIN WATER GO?

50% into soil 40% back to air 10% to streams

15% into soil 30% back to air 55% stormwater







# CATCHMENTS

- Generally, catchments are either rural or urban.
- RLC only looks after discharges to urban catchments
- Urban catchments contain many landuses such as:
  - Residential/Housing
  - Industrial
  - Reserves/Playing fields/Playgrounds
  - Commercial (CBD, Central Mall, Shopping Centres)
- Each landuse has different impacts on the streams in terms of what can be discharged from them.



HOW **DOES IT GET TO OUR STREAMS** AND LAKES?

- Kerb and channel
- Cesspits
- Manholes
- Piped drains
- Open drains
- Streams



- Council has Reticulated approx. 320 km of storm water drainage;
- this drainage system has approx 5,357 inlets and outlets, the outlets discharge into streams and the Lake.
- Rain water washes contaminants off the land (pollution) into this drainage system so;

# WHAT IS THE MAIN PROBLEM?

Contaminants from pollution caused by everyday life!

# Keep it clean

Do not allow polluted waste water from these activities to enter our stormwater drains...



# LANDUSE IMPACTS

#### What type of landuse activities can impact on our stormwater?

- Industrial
  - Concrete cutting
  - Truck washing
  - Automotive oil spills
  - earthworks
- Commercial CBD, Shopping Centres?
  - Litter
  - Carparks
- Reserves
  - Use of fertiliser on parks
- Residential
  - Car-washing on driveways
  - Gardening/lawnclippings/leaves in kerb channel

## What urban causes contribute to this?



- Dirty Stormwater
  - Sediment discharge
  - Washing waste water
  - Dumping rubbish into drains
  - Natural vegetation discharged to waterways

### SEE THE FOLLOWING EXAMPLES

#### LOOK OUT IT'S GOING TO RAIN....

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Have you ever noticed how everything looks cleaner after a heavy rainstorm? That's because the rain washes away the rubbish and pollution on the ground.



Some of this polluting material is easy to see and stop. The more serious polluting materials that may come from our use of chemicals to help keep our homes and workplaces tidy and clean, cannot be seen without special equipment. We can all play a part in helping to control what we allow to be discharged and washed into our Stormwater Drains - after all, our Stormwater Drains discharge into our lake that we swim in, fish from and take kai from.

How many pollutants can you name in the picture that may enter our Stormwater Drains?

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How many more pollutants could you name, that may enter our Stormwater Drains?

Lake Rotorua

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#### The Solution?

Try not to allow, or discharge any polluting materials directly into our Stormwater Drains, or enable the rain to wash any pollutants into the drains. Rotorua City has Stormwater grates with alloy trout symbols to help remind us that these Stormwater grates lead straight into our Lake.

### Protecting Our Lakes

#### Preventing pollution from... Exterior Cleaning Waste

Many pollutants are involved in exterior cleaning trades. The mobile nature of this trade put it at great risk of polluting our waterways



- DO put down sandbags or the like to direct run-off to the grass where it can soak in.
- DO disconnect downpipes as they go to the stormwater system
- DO sweep up any leftover sediments after drying

It is very inexpensive and quick to protect yourself or your business from polluting our lakes, streams and waterways.



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Water blasting cleaning. Make sure the waste water is going onto a grass area

### Sewage Overflows are another problem



These mainly occur in the urban area.
Main causes:

- Fat from kitchen wastes
- Rubbish put down drains & manholes
   Call RDC ASAP

# Motor Vehicle accidents



# UTUHINA STREAM

- One of Rotorua's major streams drains approximately 33% of Rotorua's urban area
- Otamatea and Mangakakahi Streams drain into the Utuhina



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569.97 1,139.9 Meters Rotorua L LOWER UTUHINA STREAM AND ITS STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE/ NETWORK

- RBHS Study area
- Landuses?
- What landuses are in this area that may impact on the stream?
- Eg Residential



### WHAT RULES AND REGULATIONS CONTROL WHAT GOES INTO OUR STORMWATER

• Regional Water and Land Plan (BOPRC)

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- Resource Consents for Stormwater Discharge Comprehensive Resource Consents
  - -eg Mamaku, Tarawera, Okareka,
- Rotorua Urban Area Comprehensive Consent (amalgamation of lots of smaller discharge consents ) currently being processed
- Applied to and granted by BOPRC
- Water quality guidelines (ANZECC Guidelines)
  - Sediment
  - Heavy Metals
  - Nutrients (Nitrogen, Phosphorus)
  - Temperature
  - Biological Metrics (MCI Macro Invertebrate Index)
- Water Services and Trade Wastes Bylaw

## **RECREATIONAL WATER**

### BOPRC carry this out each year from Oct-April

Sampling is carried for compliance in relation to the Microbiological Water Quality Guidelines for Marine and Freshwater Recreation areas. These guidelines look at the health hazard when water is used for recreational activities such as swimming and other high contact water sports. In these activities there is a reasonable risk that water will be swallowed, inhaled or come in contact with ears, nasal passages, mucus membrane or cuts in the skin allowing pathogens to enter the body.

The Fresh water indicator is Ecoli.

The following limits : Acceptable level: no single sample greater than 260 E.coli /100ml

Action Level: single sample greater than 550 E.coli /100ml

## **BOPRC** Website



## Public Health Website

#### Lakes (Rotorua and Taupo districts) recreational water health warnings

Health Warning	Public Health Advice	Reason	Area
Temporary	Avoid recreational water	Elevated levels of bacterial	<u>Nqonqotaha</u>
	contact	contamination	<u>Stream</u>
Temporary, issued 2	Avoid recreational water	Elevated levels of bacterial	Utuhina Stream
December 2016, still current	contact	contamination	
Temporary, issued 9 November 2017, still currrent	Avoid recreational water contact	<u>Algal bloom</u>	Lake Rotoehu