

Stormwater Facts:

- Stormwater is not treated so anything washed down the gutters or drains i.e. paints, oils etc end up in our streams and rivers.
The stormwater system is just for rain!
- Sooner or later it's going to rain. Here are some things you can do to protect your property and the city from flooding:
 - Check your gully trap is the right height so stormwater can not flow into it. When stormwater flows into gully traps it overloads the wastewater system, which contributes to sewer overflows.
 - Clear your property of all litter and leaves from gutters and stormwater paths to stop debris blocking the stormwater system.
 - Make sure any loose or exposed soil is contained to stop it washing into the stormwater system. From the stormwater system it goes out into our streams and rivers. Soil is actually a source of pollution. It also contains all sorts of potential contaminants.
 - If you live on a hill, check where your stormwater enters and leaves your property. Make sure those points are not blocked.
 - If your property has flooded previously, consider storing a number of sandbags to use on your property at short notice.

Other things to check:

- Retaining walls – are they in good condition?
- Soak holes, stormwater sumps, cesspits, outlets and any treatment systems on your property. Make sure these are clear of debris so stormwater can drain properly.