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Dear Property Owners;

The City would like to share important information with the public on erosion control, illicit discharge, and catch basin cleanliness in regards to the city stormwater system. You are receiving this letter due to a water way near your property and/or you are near a stormwater catch basin in the street.

Erosion control: Please avoid mowing up to the water's edge. This will allow a natural vegetation buffer and stronger root system which will prevent damage to your trees and erosion of the creek bank. A homeowner fact sheet from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency is attached detailing erosion control.

Illicit Discharge: Illicit discharge is any discharge to the storm water system that is not composed entirely of storm water. Examples are: oil disposal, radiator flushing disposal, laundry wastewaters, household toxics, sanitary wastewater, and car wash wastewaters. Pollutant levels from these illicit discharges have been shown in EPA studies to be high enough to significantly degrade receiving water quality and threaten aquatic, wildlife, and human health.

Please report illicit discharge in your neighborhood or city wide by contacting the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District 952-471-0590, or the city office at 952-446-1061.

The Minnehaha Creek Watershed District is a local unit of government responsible for managing and protecting the water resources in one of the largest and most heavily used urban watersheds in Minnesota. It all starts here, the watershed stretches 181 miles from St. Bonifacius to south Minneapolis. It includes 8 major creeks, 129 lakes, and thousands of wetlands.

City street catch basin cleanliness: Please refrain from raking leaves in the city street. Decomposing bits wash down the street to the storm sewer catch basins and eventually into the lakes and streams where nutrients will feed unwanted algae growth. The algae eventually drops to the bottom where it uses up oxygen that fish and native plant need. Therefore, it's not only a good idea not to rake leaves in the street but also not to rake leaves into creeks or ponds.

For additional information YouTube has several excellent videos titled:

- Water pollution for kids
- Introduction to storm water
- Stormwater management, the basics
- Ever wonder where the rain goes
- Illicit discharge

If you do not have internet access and would like to view these educational videos contact Brenda at the city office to schedule an appointment to watch the videos in the council chambers during office hours, Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

We appreciate your attention to this important matter. If you have any question please call the city office 952-446-1061.

Sincerely,

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