



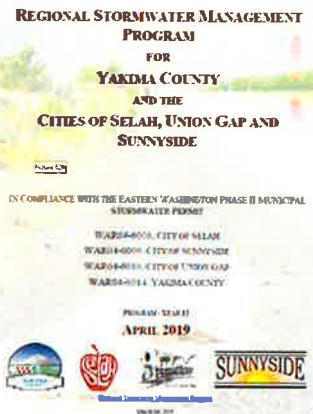
Yakima Regional Stormwater Working Group (RSWG)

OUTREACH NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2019

Eastern Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Annual Report

March is the month when all permittees of the Department of Ecology's Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit are required to complete their Stormwater Management Program Plans (SWMP) and submit their Annual Reports to Ecology for the previous calendar year. For our RSWG, each permittee is required to submit their individual Annual Report directly to Ecology while the group is allowed to prepare one SWMP covering all the jurisdictions in the working group. The Annual Report and the SWMP provide a written summary to the general public and Ecology about the stormwater management programs that were developed and/or carried out by the permittees over the previous year. To find out more information about the Annual Plan or the SWMP, you can visit the website at <http://www.yakimacounty.us/1732/Stormwater-Management> or scan the QR code at the bottom of the page.



Spring is in the Air

March is also the month when the days get longer and warmer and the growing season returns. Along with the first day of Spring on March 20th, don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour when Daylight Savings Time begins on March 11th. As we start to tend our yards or gardens for the upcoming season, remember not to over use fertilizer or weed killers. Too much of these chemicals end up flowing into our streams and groundwater and polluting our waterways. Remember "Only Rain Down the Drain."

<http://www.onlyraindownthedrain.com/>



Upcoming Events

March 13
RSWG Meeting
(Sunnyside, WA)

April 10
RSWG Meeting
(Union Gap, WA)

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Don't forget St. Patrick's Day (March 17th)