

# Ipswich City Council Managing Stormwater

## What is stormwater?

Stormwater, or run-off, is water that flows across the land's surface as a result of rainfall or other forms of precipitation. The path stormwater takes is often referred to as overland flow.

## Why is it important?

Ipswich typically receives approximately half its average yearly rainfall (900mm) in the months of December to March.

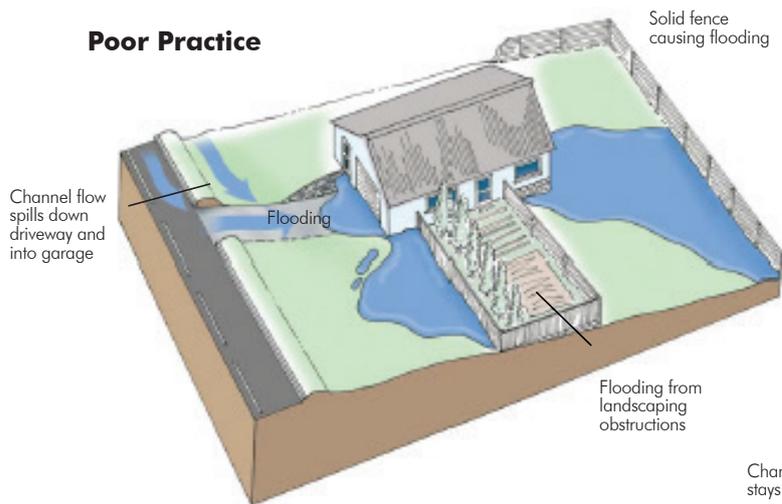
In urban areas, stormwater often flows across roads, driveways, car parks, pavements and through a network of pipes, culverts and pits as a part of the stormwater network.

Stormwater may also carry pollutants such as soil, litter, fertilisers or oil residues, which can end up in downstream waterways.

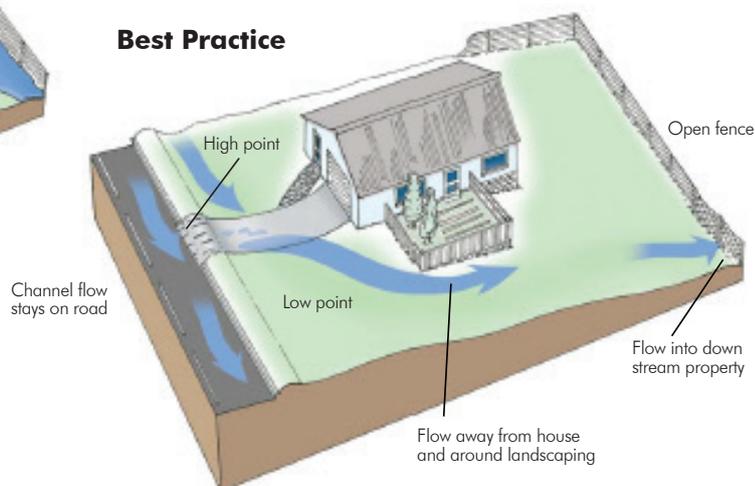
## What you can do?

- Avoid altering the ground level around an identified stormwater path. There is a property layer on the Council PD Online website if you need help identifying stormwater flows in your area.
- Ensure your driveway entrance has sufficient 'rollover' to prevent water from the road channel from flowing down your driveway. There are approved designs on the Council website to assist with construction.
- Ensure your driveway and other paved surfaces have appropriate shape and levels to direct surface flow away from your garage and house.
- Avoid blocking the path of stormwater at both the upstream and downstream boundaries of your property.
- In general, protect your home by ensuring ground levels around your home direct stormwater away from your house.
- Ensure you clear your roof gutters regularly to stop stormwater overflowing into your home or yard.

### Poor Practice



### Best Practice



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