

WHERE DOES OUR WATER GO?

Between the storm drain system and the sanitary sewer system, many big drainage pipes exist beneath our streets to help protect the water in Lake Mead!

COLLECTS WASTEWATER
(dirty water) from *INSIDE* homes and buildings

Wastewater travels in underground pipes to a wastewater treatment plant where it is **TREATED & CLEANED**

COLLECTS WATER OUTSIDE

from roads, driveways, lawns, sidewalks and parking lots

STORM DRAIN

THIS RUNOFF IS NOT TREATED

and can carry pollution (such as trash, oil, pet waste, fertilizer, pesticides, and other chemicals) to Lake Mead - our main source of drinking water!

UNTREATED WATER ENTERS THE LAS VEGAS WASH

where native plants absorb some pollutants from the water

STORMWATER POLLUTION ENTERS LAKE MEAD

and can harm fish, birds, and other wildlife

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

TREATED WATER IS RELEASED INTO THE LAS VEGAS WASH

before it enters Lake Mead

THE CLEANED WATER

flows into Lake Mead