

State Water Board's Storm Water Program Presents the "Slow the Flow: Be a California Water Warrior" Film Series

The State Water Board's Storm Water Program is proud to present "Slow the Flow: Be a California Water Warrior," a seven part film series to follow-up the Water Board's 2011 film "[Slow the Flow: Make Your Landscape Act More Like a Sponge](#)". The films are produced by [On The Waterfront Creative](#) with assistance from the [UC Davis Extension Land Use and Natural Resource Program](#) and the [Water Board Training Academy](#). Each of the "Slow the Flow: Be a California Water Warrior" films is between five and seven minutes in running time. A new film will be released in the series every second Tuesday (every two weeks) over the course of this summer.

In this time, when much of California is facing drought and limited water supplies, these seven films bring to life simple practices that individuals and communities can do to conserve water, become stewards of our watersheds, and slow the flow of storm water from homes and businesses when the rain returns. The "Slow the Flow: Be a California Water Warrior" series focuses on low impact development practices and projects anyone can do on or around their property, such as alternatives to a lawn-based garden, proper management of lawns (if you must have one), disconnecting your down spouts, adding bioswales and rain gardens, and converting paved areas to more permeable surfaces.



["What the Heck is Storm Water Runoff and Why is it a Problem?"](#)

is Episode 1 of the instructional film series. This short film provides an insightful overview of storm water by describing the negative impacts polluted storm water runoff has on human health and the environment. The film also introduces some of the strategies to eliminate the polluted storm water runoff. The strategies will be showcased in the following episodes.

["Lawn Removal - Lawn Be Gone"](#) is Episode 2, which focuses on the benefits of getting rid of your lawn and how to do it. ["Make the Water Go – Disconnecting Down Spouts"](#) is Episode 3, which details how to shrink your ecological footprint by disconnecting your down spouts. These are both great summer activities to prepare your home for the winter.

Stay tuned for the upcoming four episodes!

- "Lawn practices - Grass can Always be Greener"
- "Soils - Digging Up the Dirt on Soil"
- "Permeable Pavers - Breaking Up is Easy to Do"
- "Swales and Rain Gardens - Swales are Swell and So Are Rain Gardens"

You can view all the Slow the Flow films on the [Storm Water Films](#) webpage, [State Water Board's YouTube](#) channel, or follow the Slow the Flow team on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) (@LetsSlowTheFlow).

Thank you for taking the time to Slow the Flow!

