



**Change in surface water runoff due to site development (figures approximate)**

Rainwater surface runoff in urban areas is often more than double that of a natural landscape due to the increase in hard surfaces such as roads, paths and driveways and the reduction in vegetation.

Increased runoff can cause pollution by carrying contaminants (such as fuel) from roads and vehicles, and animal waste and chemicals (e.g. fertilisers, pesticides, industrial chemicals and household cleaners) into waterways.

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