MYTH
Pet waste is a safe, "natural" fertilizer; I can leave it on the ground.

REALITY
Microbes in pet waste are major stormwater pollutants. Scoop the poop!

Clean water starts with me!
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REALITY
In Tucson, stormdrains lead directly to desert washes, transporting stormwater and any pollutants picked up along the way.

MYTH
Stormwater is cleaned with wastewater at treatment plants.

VS
MYTH
It is okay to dispose of toxic household chemicals in the garbage or in stormdrains.

REALITY
Improper disposal of toxic chemicals can pose a threat to our fragile desert ecosystems. Safely recycling Household Hazardous Waste at collection sites around Pima County helps prevent stormwater pollution.