



Ready to be a Stormwater STAR? Let's get started!

1. Complete the Stormwater STAR Assessment

To become a Stormwater STAR business, first take the Stormwater STAR Assessment (found on web page). This looks at the overall impact that your business has on stormwater quality in Durham. If you are unsure about how to answer a question, contact us for help or simply choose "Don't Know" on the form. Once you've submitted the assessment, the Pollution Prevention Coordinator will review your answers and create a profile with goal suggestions for your business.

2. Assemble a STAR Team

Your STAR team will consist of a group of employee champions that will meet to discuss, plan and implement strategies to improve the stormwater pollution prevention practices of your business.

3. Complete an Assessment Review

Next, schedule an Assessment Review and visit with the Pollution Prevention Coordinator and members of the STAR Team. Together, we will review questions and discuss them in more detail.

4. Set Your Goals

You will decide on two goals that your business will work toward over the period of one year to improve your stormwater pollution prevention practices. These goals can be based on the recommendations given by the Pollution Prevention Coordinator or they can be original goals created by the STAR Team. Examples of goals might be to post spill cleanup procedures for employees, use Phosphorus-free fertilizer on your landscaping, or purchase a spill cleanup kit.

5. Show Us How You're Doing

At the three and six month mark, the business will submit a progress report with written and/or photo documentation of the steps that have been taken to reach your two new goals. Documentation can be as simple as a photo or short description of the practice.

6. Training

Your business will also need to provide documentation that stormwater pollution prevention training has been conducted with 80% of current employees by the end of the six month period. We are happy to come to you and train your employees if needed, or we can "train the trainer."

Recertification:

To re-certify, you must complete the above steps every year. You will be asked to submit a new goal that is different than the previous year's goals. New certificates and window decals will be issued to indicate the number of years the business has successfully participated in the program.