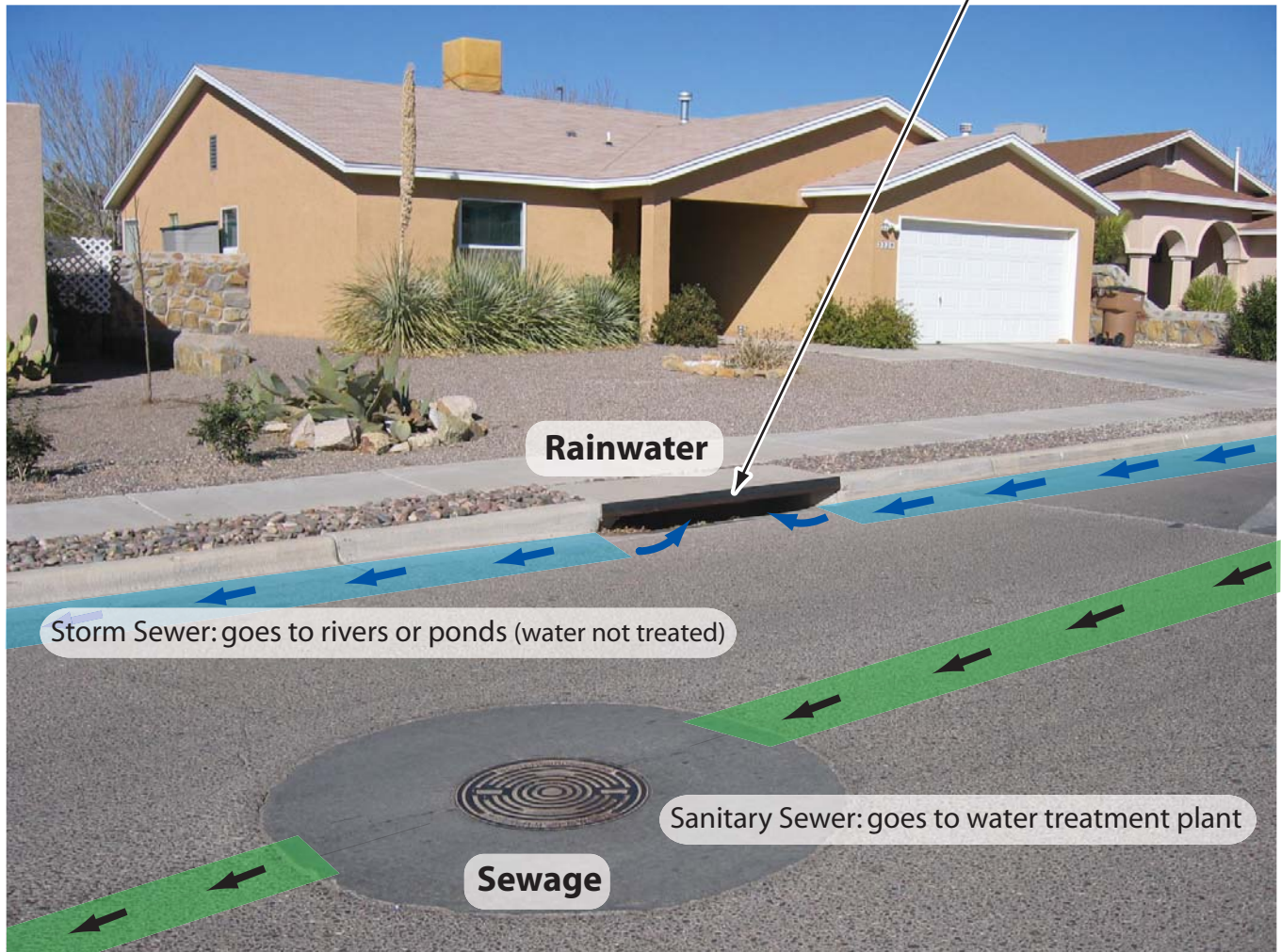


The difference between storm water and sanitary sewer drains

The “**storm sewer/storm drain**” is designed to prevent our neighborhoods from flooding with rainwater by carrying the excess water from our city streets. Water travels through drainage pipes, washes, channels and eventually makes its way to the Rio Grande. Storm-water is not cleaned or filtered so it is essential that we keep pollutants out of our storm drain system.



The “**sanitary sewer**” system is designed to carry sewage from homes and businesses to a water treatment plant. After the sewage is treated, the water can be re-used/reclaimed for industrial purposes and agricultural irrigation.

It is important to understand that a storm drain is not a wastewater sewer system. Only rainwater is permitted to enter a storm drain.