WHERE DOES THE RAIN GO WHEN IT STORMS?

Rain that runs off streets, lawns, and parking lots flows directly into our local waterways - like the Elkhart River - and receives minimal treatment on its way there.

Stormwater run-off can pollute our surface waters with things like animal waste, litter, oil, fertilizers, and sediment.



WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING OUR WATER CLEAN?

We **all** are. And here's the best part - it doesn't require much effort, just common sense.

FOR MORE

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If you see signs of illicit discharge in your neighborhood, please do not keep it to yourself! Preserving our environment is up to each of us!

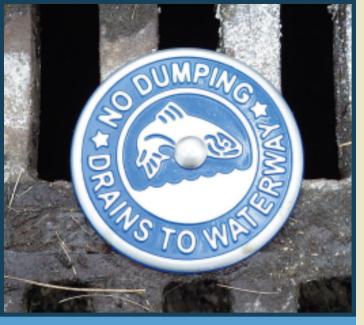


ONLY RAIN



DOWN THE DRAIN

The citizen's guide to pollution prevention



WHAT ARE COMMON POLLUTANTS?

- Sediment
- Pet waste
- Automotive fluids
- Lawn fertilizer
- Yard waste (leaves, grass
 - clippings, etc.)
- Household waste
- Cooking grease

When these pollutants enter a storm drain, they become an illicit discharge.

HOW CAN YOU HELP AVOID POLLUTION?

- Be observant: look for and follow storm drain markers on drainage grates
- The Elkhart County Landfill hosts a Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off on the first Saturday of each month at the Elkhart County Correctional Facility (entrance off of CR 7) from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m
- Dispose of cooking oil in lidded containers to prevent spilling
- Pick up after your pet and consider alternatives to waste bags
- Don't apply fertilizers before heavy rain. Use slow release fertilizers that are less likely to wash off lawns and down storm drains
- Help keep leaves and grass clipping from clogging storm drains by mulching them (compost pile, mulching mower, etc.), or raking them to the curb for pickup by the city

CLEANING STORM DRAINS

You can help keep storm drains near you clear by:

- Using a broom or rake to sweep leaves away from the drain surface
- Removing any trash from around the drain
- Watching the drains near you for any issues, and encouraging your friends and neighbors to do the same

