

Only Rain Down the Drain

To keep the storm water leaving your home or business clean, follow these guidelines:

- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly
- Repair auto leaks
- Dispose of household hazardous waste, used auto fluids (antifreeze, oil etc.), batteries, and oil based paint at designated collection or recycling locations
- Clean up after your pet
- Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other pervious surface
- Sweep up yard debris rather than hosing down areas that could get into storm drains
- Clean water based paint brushes in a sink, not outdoors. Properly dispose of excess paints through a household hazard collection program
- Sweep up and properly dispose of construction debris like concrete and mortar
- Businesses can help by sweeping parking lots on a regular basis, pick up trash that might accumulate on your property. Restuarants dispose of grease by proper means (Grease or oil removal service)
- Keep lawn clippings from going into the street, as they will eventually get into storm drains and waterbodies and is a pollutant



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IMPORTANT
INFORMATION
ABOUT
WHITELAND'S
STORM WATER
UTILITY

Town of Whiteland Storm Water Management Board Presents Information on the Town of Whiteland Storm Water Utility

What is Storm Water Runoff?

Storm water runoff is precipitation from rain or snowmelt that flows over ground. As it flows, it can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and deposit them into a storm sewer system or water body. Anything that enters a storm water system is discharged into the water bodies we use for swimming, fishing, and other recreational activities, not to mention storm water eventually could be used as drinking water.

What is a Storm Drain?

A storm drain is a network of underground pipes designed to control flooding by transporting storm water from urban areas to a water body. A storm drain may also be known as a curb, gutter, channel, ditch, pipe or culvert.

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Introduction and Background

United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) required the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) to implement the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) storm water permitting program. The entities responsible for the NPDES permits are called MS4's or Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems. Whiteland is an MS4 which is a system of conveyances that is owned by the Town that discharges to waters of the US, designed or used to collect or convey storm water (including storm drains, pipes, ditches, etc.) is not a combined sewer and is not part of a sewage treatment plant. This program regulates storm water discharges into waters from construction activities or from any site within an MS4, devises strategies for reducing pollutants in storm water runoff, and improves overall water quality using 6 minimum control measures (MCM's) The MCM's are:

1. Public Education and Participation
2. Public Involvement
3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (Enforcement)
4. Construction (Enforcement)
5. Post Construction (Enforcement)
6. Good Housekeeping and Pollution Prevention

Although this program is mandated we believe everyone should "Embrace Your Responsibility to Keep our Waters Clean."



Rates and Charges

The Whiteland Storm Water Management Board held a public hearing on Monday, March 15, 2010 to inform the public and to set the rates for the implementation of the Whiteland Storm Water Utility.

Funding for compliance of this mandate was not provided for on a Federal or State level. Municipalities must fund the costs of compliance through local fees.

How were the fees calculated?

25 random residential properties were selected, and the impervious surface of each property was calculated. The average impervious surface of the 25 properties was 3,704 sq. ft. An Equivalent Runoff Unit or Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) is a factor used to bill customers, with a standard residential property being the baseline, therefore, 1 ERU = 3,704 sq. ft. All Whiteland single family residential customers are equal to 1 ERU. Other properties (e.g. commercial, industrial, governmental and institutional) are billed based on how much impervious surface (parking areas, rooftops, etc.) they have in relation to an ERU.

The rates set for this program are as follows:

- Year 1 rate per ERU is \$4.50/month
- Year 2 rate per ERU is \$5.50/month
- Year 3 rate per ERU is \$6.50/month
- Year 4 rate per ERU is \$7.50/month

These fees will go towards funding the budget to comply with Federal law and also to fund stormwater repair projects that are desperately needed around town to help mitigate flood prone areas. Billing will start June 1, 2010 and will be on your Whiteland Utility Bill. An informational meeting will be held at the Whiteland Town Hall on Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

What You Can Do!

How can you help keep our waters clean?

- Don't dump anything into storm drains. This is a violation! Storm drains lead directly into our waterways.
- Report a Polluter: If you see someone dumping illegally into storm drains or water bodies, report it by calling (317) 535-5531 or (317) 535-6359
- Storm drains have been marked with decals in town, however if you see anyone removing the decals please report it at the above telephone numbers.
- What should you do with chemicals, cleaning products, and old paint that you don't need anymore? Take it to the **TOX BOX**, Johnson County's household hazardous waste collection site. The **TOX BOX** is located at the Franklin Transfer Station, 730 Industrial Drive in Franklin, The program is free to Johnson County residents with the exception of latex paint disposal which is \$1.50/gallon or \$1.00/quart. Call 317-738-2546 or 317-736-4542 for additional information or go to www.recyclejohnsoncounty.org to download an informational brochure.