What is storm water runoff?

Storm water runoff is water from precipitation that flows across the ground and pavement due to rain or snowmelt. The water may seep into the ground or enter the storm drain system and flow into a nearby creek, stream or lake.

What’s the difference between storm drains and sanitary sewer drains?

Storm drains carry storm water runoff directly into streams without going through any type of treatment process. Sanitary sewer drains convey wastewater from homes, businesses, and industries to a wastewater treatment plant where it is treated before being discharged into a stream.

Keeping our waters clean

What can you do to help keep our waters clean?

- Pick up litter, and properly dispose of leaves and grass clippings.
- Properly dispose of pet waste in trash.
- Wash your car at a commercial carwash or on grass.
- Don’t dump hazardous substances such as used oil, antifreeze, household chemicals or other wastes into storm drains. Contact your local Solid Waste District for disposal information.
- If you see someone dumping into a storm drain or notice a pollutant in a stream, report it immediately.
- Organize a clean-up of a local stream.
**What is Indiana University doing to reduce storm water pollution?**

IU has implemented a Storm Water Quality management Plan in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. This plan includes six minimum control measures that help minimize the pollution in storm water runoff: Public Education and Outreach, Public Participation and Involvement, Illicit Discharge Identification and Elimination, Construction Site Storm Water Runoff Control, Post-Construction Storm Water Runoff Control and Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping.

As you walk around campus, look for the “ONLY RAIN DOWN THE STORM DRAIN” plastic buttons attached to the storm drains.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Please help us with our reporting requirements by completing our storm water survey form:  [http://apps.ehs.iu.edu/waste/survey.cfm](http://apps.ehs.iu.edu/waste/survey.cfm)

If you would like more information on IU’s Storm Water Protection Plan, please contact the representative at your campus below.

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