

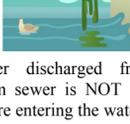
STORMWATER POLLUTION

DEFINITIONS

Storm Water - is any rainfall, snow melt, or even water from the garden hose that does not soak into the ground but flows to the street gutter and into the storm sewer system from the catch basin.

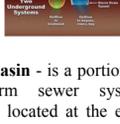


Storm Sewer - a storm sewer is a system of underground pipes that carry storm water to the nearest ditch or waterway.



Water discharged from a storm sewer is NOT treated before entering the waterway.

Sanitary Sewer - is a system of underground pipes that carry waste water from homes and businesses to a treatment plant before being re-used.



Catch Basin - is a portion of the storm sewer system normally located at the edge of a roadway to collect water during a storm.



Non-Point Pollution - is anything that enters a catch basin and storm sewer system whose origin cannot be determined. This includes, soda bottles, leaves, pet waste, fertilizer residue, oil, paint, paper and plastic bags, or anything that doesn't belong in a waterway.

How Can I Be The Solution?

The Village of Holland in partnership with the Toledo Area Metropolitan Council of Government's Stormwater Coalition and the Maumee RAP (now known as the Partnership for Clean Streams) participated in a *Give Water a Hand* campaign. This campaign targeted both residential and business concerns by providing information regarding best management practices to reduce the pollution of storm water. These informational brochures can be accessed below.

RESIDENTIAL INFORMATION

[Lawn Care](#)

[Household Hazardous Waste](#)

[Native Plants](#)

[Saving Water](#)

[Storm Drains and Ditches](#)

[Drains, Sewers and Ditches](#)

BUSINESS INFORMATION

[Food Service Guide Book](#)

[Vehicle Service Guide Book](#)

Illicit Discharge and Connections

In 2010, the Village enacted an illicit discharge ordinance which prohibits the discharge of anything that is not composed entirely of storm water into the storm sewer, ditches, catch basins, or creeks. The ordinance also prohibits the connection of any structure that carries liquid other than storm water to those same storm sewers, etc.

Dumping paint, oil, or other materials into the catch basins or directly into the waterway as well as having your washing machine connected to the storm sewer rather than the sanitary sewer are examples of violations of this ordinance.



Report any illegal dumping or discharging to the Village offices at 419-865-7104 during business hours or the Lucas County Engineer's office at 419-255-

STOP (7867) 24 hrs/7days.

Catch Basin Stenciling



On April 21 2012, Boy Scout Troop 210 based at Providence Lutheran Church gave their Saturday morning to help make Holland residents aware of where storm water goes by stenciling the catch basins along Clark and Front Streets in the Village. Working with the Partners for Clean Streams in conjunction with Earth Day, the scouts stenciled over 20 basins and hung information flyers on residents doors.

To Learn More About Storm Water Runoff.....

Storm Water - <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/stormwater>

After the Storm - <http://water.epa.gov/action/weatherchannel/stormwater.cfm>

For Kids - <http://www.epa.gov/owow/NPS/kids/>

Did you know?

The average household will use 107,000 gallons of water each year?

Water is the most common substance on earth and the only substance to be found in solid, gas and liquid form?

