

What is Storm Water?

From mild showers that children delight in . . .



To the mighty thunderstorms that can frighten . . .



To the snow that blankets us in winter . . .



**Storm water is an issue
that affects us all.**

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Storm water is water from precipitation that flows across the ground and pavement when it rains or when snow and ice melt. The water seeps into the ground or drains into what we call storm sewers. These are the drains you see at street corners or at low points on the sides of streets. Collectively, the draining water is called storm water runoff.

Why is Storm Water

“Good Rain Gone Wrong?”

Storm water becomes a problem when it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants as it flows or when it causes flooding and erosion of stream banks. Storm water travels through a system of pipes and roadside ditches that make up storm sewer systems. It eventually flows directly to Sugar Creek which empties into the Wabash River. All of the pollutants storm water carries along the way empty into our waters, too, because storm water does not get treated!



Where to go to continue the information flow?

The City of Lebanon Utilities is preventing storm water pollution through a storm water management program. This program addresses storm water pollution from construction, new development, illegal dumping to the storm sewer system, and pollution prevention and good housekeeping practices. It will also continue to educate the community and get everyone involved in making sure the only thing that storm water contributes to our water is....water!