

stormwater facts...

Soil and silt in the water increase water temperature and murkiness, which harm fish and their food supply.

Decaying leaves and organic materials in the storm drain increase bacteria and mosquito production and decrease oxygen essential for fish life.

Fertilizer from your lawn can cause excessive algae growth and oxygen depletion.

One gallon of oil in the storm drain can pollute up to one million gallons of storm water.

Our wastewater is cleaned and treated before it goes into the creek. Storm water runoff flows through the storm drain system and into the creek untreated.

The three largest sources of storm water pollution are: herbicides and pesticides from agriculture, urban runoff, and sediment from construction sites.

For more information about:

ï *Recycling*

Contact: Lebanon Street Department
765-482-8845

ï *Used oil drop-off locations*

ï *Household hazardous waste drop-off locations*

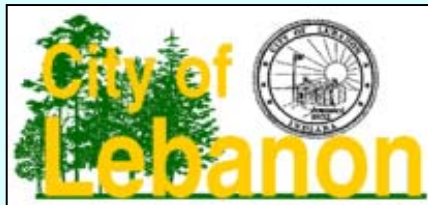
Contact: Boone County Solid Waste Management District
765-483-0687

ï *Storm Water Quality in Lebanon*

ï *Participating in the Storm Water Quality Program*

Contact: Lebanon Utilities
765-482-5100

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Clean Creeks Clean Water

Today, most of us are aware of the importance of protecting our natural resources. For years we have heard of the tremendous progress our country has made in reducing pollution in our rivers and lakes and on our beaches.

However, right here in our own backyard, there are still many things that we can do to continue the job of restoring the health of our waterways.



How Can I Make A Difference ?

City of Lebanon, Indiana

While our industries and sewage treatment plants have been steadily cleaning up their discharges, urban storm water runoff remains a leading contributor of pollution to our creeks and rivers.

URBAN RUNOFF

The portion of rainfall that flows over streets, lawns and other urban ground surfaces and ends up in the creek.

Recent studies indicate that approximately 40% of our nation's waterways are impaired (not clean enough to support their intended uses, such as fishing and swimming).

One of these impaired waterways is Sugar Creek. The City of Lebanon lies within the Sugar Creek watershed, which means that all of the urban runoff from our streets, yards, drains and ditches ultimately flows to Sugar Creek.

How Can I Make a Difference?

Here are several simple suggestions you can follow to do your part in keeping storm water clean for the City of Lebanon, Sugar Creek, and the environment.

Throw all rubbish in tightly sealed trash cans. Recycle reusable materials, but be sure materials won't blow out of the recycling bin before they are collected. Pick up and properly dispose of litter in your neighborhood.



Use a broom rather than a hose to clean up garden clippings. Put leaves and clippings in a trash can or a compost pile.

Divert rain spouts and garden hoses away from paved surfaces and onto grass to allow water to filter through the soil.



Take household hazardous materials containers, such as pesticides and used motor oil to a hazardous material collection center. Contact the City for the nearest location.

Use kitty litter or other absorbent materials to clean spills, rather than hosing down spills. Depending on the substance, dispose used absorbent materials in the trash can or at a hazardous materials collection center.



Rinse water-based paint brushes in the sink. Filter and reuse paint thinner or brush cleaners. Dispose of used thinner, oil and latex paint at a hazardous materials collection center.

Program your watering system to water less during the rainy season, and remember to turn the sprinklers off on expected rainy days.



Conserve water when washing your car. Wash engines at a 'Do it Yourself Car Wash' where the drainage is not connected to the storm drain.



Pick up animal waste and dispose in the trash can.

Use pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers in accordance with label instructions. Do not apply before rain and always dispose of leftovers at a hazardous materials collections center.



Control erosion during landscaping projects to prevent dirt and debris from entering storm drains.

Properly use and store all toxic products, including solvents, paints and cleaners. Use completely paint cleaners and other products or share leftovers with a neighbor.

