

## What is "Adopt-A-Storm-Inlet"?

The Public Works Department is asking residents to participate in "Adopt-A-Storm-Inlet". We are asking residents who have a street storm inlet (catch basin) in front of their house to make sure they are cleaned off and unobstructed. Residents will be asked to do three simple things:

### 1. Remove Debris from Grates:

The grates of an inlet can become clogged with debris, leaves and grass clippings. Regularly inspect the grate and remove debris. This will eliminate localized street flooding.



That's all you really have to do.

### 2. Ensure Regular Cleaning/Maintenance:

The area under the grate should be cleaned out periodically especially if debris becomes lodged in the inlet. Cleaning inside the inlet should be performed by City workers. If the inlet needs cleaning or the structure is deteriorating, please contact the City of Green Bay Public Works at 920.448.3535.



### 3. Storm Inlet Marking:

Place a marker with a storm water logo and the message that says "NO DUMPING - DRAINS TO WATERWAYS" near the storm inlet (catch basin). This marker will notify other residents that nothing but storm water should enter the inlet. Contact Pam Freeman at 920.448.3100 to get your storm drain marking material.



## Do Not Put.....



Leaves and Grass Clippings

Swimming Pool Chemicals



Animal Waste

Soaps & Detergents



Pesticides & Fertilizers

Oil & Other Chemicals from Vehicles

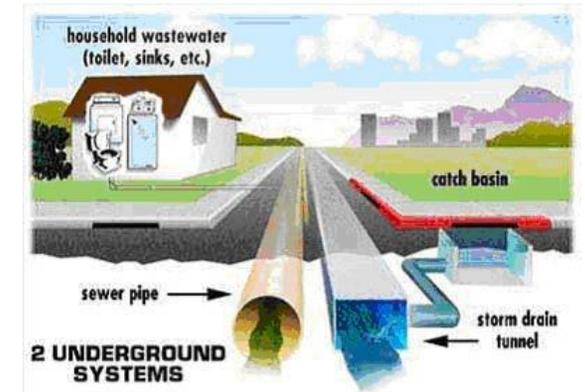


.....Into Our Storm Inlets (catch basins)

### Storm Water Facts:

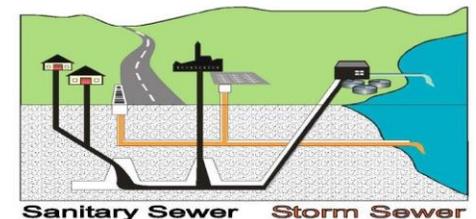
- 80% of the Earth's surface is covered by water.
- Only 3% of the Earth's water is fresh water.
- Less than 1% of the water on the earth can actually be used by human beings.
- Anything that drains into the storm inlets (catch basins) goes directly into our waterways 'untreated'.
- One gallon of oil in a storm inlet can pollute up to one million gallons of storm water.
- Fertilizer from lawns can cause excessive algae growth and oxygen depletion for fish.
- Most water pollution is preventable.

## Is There a Difference Between Storm and Sanitary Sewers?



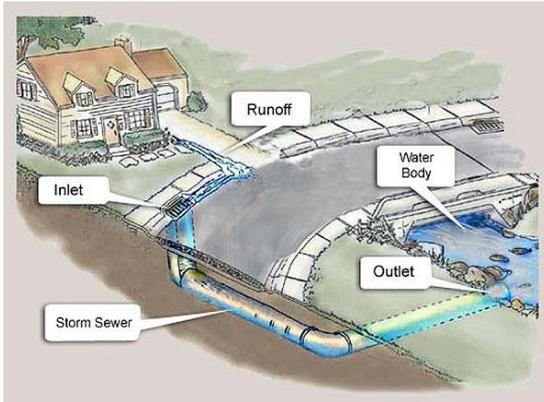
Yes. A common misconception is that water runoff from rain or snow melt collected in the streets and storm water drainage system travels to a wastewater treatment plant and is treated before it is released back into the natural environment. Storm water runoff is "UNTREATED".

- The Sanitary Sewer is a system of underground pipes that carries sewage from bathrooms, sinks, kitchens, and other plumbing components to a wastewater treatment plant where it is filtered, treated and discharged back into the environment.
- The Storm Sewer is a drainage system for carrying water runoff from rain or snow melt directly to nearby waterways. It is not designed to carry sewage or any hazardous wastes. The runoff is carried by underground pipes or open ditches and discharges "UNTREATED" into our local waterways.



## What is a Storm Inlet?

Storm inlets along roadways or parking lots allow runoff water from rain or snow melt to enter into the storm drainage system. The storm drainage system discharges directly into our local waterways.



So, we're asking you to volunteer your help.....please consider taking part by "Adopting-A-Storm-Inlet" in your neighborhood. Doing your part for the environment is incredibly important, for the present and the future. Help keep our community clean and green.



## City of Green Bay Department Of Public Works

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Other Suggestions  
For Your Neighborhood...  
"Storm Inlet Marking"  
"Protecting Our Greenways"  
"Adopt -A-Pond"  
"Adopt-A-Ditch"  
"Adopt-A-Creek"

With Your Help.....

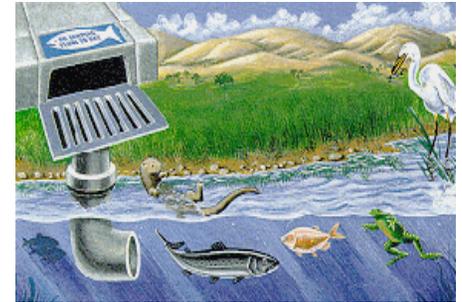
This dirty inlet and outfall.....



Can look like this.....



# "Adopt -A- Storm Inlet"



## Help Keep Our Community Clean and Green



## What Touches The Ground Enters The Waters