

Clean water is everyones business!



The Storm Sewer System, Water Pollution, and the Public

Lorain's storm sewer system is a system of natural and manmade structures that serves to drain water from our community. The system includes roadside catch basins, underground pipes, open ditches, detention ponds, streams, creeks, and rivers. The storm sewer system in our community is separate from the wastewater system, meaning that while water draining into the wastewater system travels to one of the City's two wastewater treatment plants for cleaning, ***water that enters out storm sewer system drains to our streams, rivers, and Lake Erie with no treatment.***

Storm Water Pollution and the Construction Industry

Under state and federal law, Lorain is required to implement a citywide Storm Water Management Program to ensure our water resources remain protected. While there are many responsibilities under this program, one requirement of the program focuses on the management and regulation of construction activity within the City.

Inlet Protection Is A Requirement of Development

On construction sites and in areas near active construction, the City requires the installation of **inlet protection**. The purpose of inlet protection is to keep loose dirt (and the chemical contaminants attached to it) out of the storm sewer system and out of our lake. Inlet protection slows the drainage of water, forcing it to pond in the street. This ponding gives any soil suspended in the water time to settle out before the water drains into our storm sewer system... and it means that the inlet protection is *working to keep your water clean!*

If you see inlet protection installed on a catch basin in your neighborhood, please don't damage it. The water that appears to be "flooding your street" is actually being managed to keep your environment clean! ***Please be patient, the water WILL drain!***



For more information on construction site storm water standards, please visit our website at www.cityoflorain.org/engineering.

City of Lorain Storm Water Management Program

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