



# What you don't see could harm you!

**Sewers can overflow into waterways during rainstorms, bringing harmful bacteria, which can make you sick.**

To date, MSD has **reduced combined sewer overflows by 5.85 billion gallons** in a typical rainfall year. But there is more work to be done.

To be safe, you should avoid swimming, fishing, wading, and splashing in waterways during—and for 48 hours after—a rain event.

Wash with warm, soapy water if you contact water that a sewage overflow may have contaminated.

**For information visit**  
**[LouisvilleMSD.org/WaterQuality](https://LouisvilleMSD.org/WaterQuality)**  
**[LouisvilleMSD.org/ConsentDecree](https://LouisvilleMSD.org/ConsentDecree)**  
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# You can make a difference in the health of our streams.

## Reduce Yard Runoff

Compost grass clippings, and decrease use of fertilizer and pesticides. When it rains, these chemicals make their way to our streams.



## Soak up extra rainwater

Plant a tree or construct a rain garden to help absorb stormwater, or replace your downspout with a rain barrel.



## Clean up pet waste

Dispose of pet waste in the trash. When left on the ground, it washes into our streams during rain. Dogs in Jefferson County produce **four dump-truck loads of poo every day.**



## Stopping the rain is impossible



## Protect yourself with flood insurance

MSD has earned Louisville Metro a Class 3 status—allowing our residents to automatically receive a **35 percent discount** on flood insurance premiums through the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System.

To find out if a property is located in a floodplain, visit:

<http://apps.lojic.org/msdflood-determination/>



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## AVOID MAKING A SERIOUS POTTY FOUL

KNOW WHAT'S OK TO FLUSH DOWN THE TOILET

**YEP!**



**NOPE!**

(ANYTHING ELSE)

BABY WIPES  
BANDAGES  
COTTON BALLS/SWABS  
CLEANING WIPES  
DENTAL FLOSS  
DIAPERS  
FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS  
HAIR  
PLASTIC AND RUBBER ITEMS  
ZIPPY THE GOLDFISH

Wipes do not break down, even if their labels read "flushable." They can lead to sewage backups in your home or work place.

**Avoid the mess, toss your wipes into the trash!**

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