

Be a part of a **WIN**ning team and help keep our waterways clean.

Dear Louisville Metro Residents:

At MSD, we are committed to improving our waterways and streams and realize that clean water is essential for our community's well-being and growth. Our vision of providing clean, safe waterways to be used by the community for recreational purposes and a home for thriving fish and wildlife is clearer than ever. MSD's intent is to provide you with an understanding of these complex water quality issues through regular updates, public meetings and community outreach events. We believe that strong partnerships and public participation are needed and key to the success of this vision.

As part of our commitment to you, we are continuing with our 19-year comprehensive sewer improvement program, Project WIN (Waterway Improvements Now) which will continue through 2024. The program is designed to significantly reduce major sources of water pollution by reducing the overloading of sewers from excessive rainwater, thereby mitigating combined and sanitary sewer overflows throughout Louisville Metro.

As a resident living, working or playing near our waterways, you also value and understand the importance of clean water to our community. During rainstorms, your neighborhood is particularly susceptible to sewer overflows. As such, we are providing you with some important information and tips to help aid you in minimizing the potential risks of contact with these waterways.

We look forward to working with you in our continuing efforts to improve the quality of our waterways. Together we can protect and enhance Louisville Metro's waterways to ensure they are clean, safe and enjoyable for generations to come. Please call us at (502) 587-0603, or visit us online at www.msdlouky.org/projectwin to learn more about Project WIN, how you can get involved through upcoming events and become part of the WINning team! visit www.msdlouky.orglprojectwin to learn how to be a part of to learn how to be a part. a WINning team.

During and for 48 hours after rain storms have ended, you should:

- Minimize contact with waterways
- Avoid swimming, fishing or playing in waterways
- Keep children and pets out of ponds, creeks, streams and drainage ditches
- Wash your hands thoroughly after coming into contact with local streams and waterways
- Observe all MSD
 warning signs

Sincerely,

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H.J. Schardein, Jr. MSD Executive Director



Let's All Do Our Part To Improve Our Waterways!

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Waterway Improvements Now

How you can help clean up our waterways:

- Be an environmentally conscious consumer buy eco-sensitive products whenever possible. They are available at most grocery markets. Vinegar and baking soda also clean very well and are non-toxic.
- Pick up and properly dispose of pet waste in trash containers – leaving it on the lawn allows harmful bacteria to run into storm drains or straight to our streams and the Ohio River during heavy rains.
- Minimize your use of fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides. The less you apply, the less you will pollute our waterways. Use native plants in your gardens and landscape which require less water and fertilizer.
- Disconnect downspouts from the sewer to divert water runoff onto your lawn and gardens, or connect them to a rain barrel to store the water for later use. This helps to slow down stormwater runoff and reduce flooding.
- Wash your car on the lawn or at a car wash, rather than your driveway to keep the dirty water, soap scum and oily grit from entering our waterways.