



What you don't see could harm you!

Sewers can overflow into waterways during rainstorms.



Those waters could contain harmful bacteria, which can make you sick.

Rainwater can overwhelm the sanitary sewer system and cause overflows into local waterways. You should **minimize contact with waterways to be safe during storms and even for 48 hours after the rain has ended. During these times, avoid swimming, fishing, wading and splashing in the water.**

MSD has made significant progress in decreasing sewer overflows into our waterways, but there is more work to be done. Please follow the instructions that are posted on our overflow advisory signs. Wash with warm, soapy water if you come into contact with water that may have been contaminated by a sewage overflow.



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You can make a difference in the health of our streams.

Drains Are Only For Water

Don't pour fats, oils, grease, paint, petroleum products or medications into a catch basin, storm drain or a drain in your house. These can make fish sick and cause clogs in the pipes.



Soak Up Extra Rainwater

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



Clean Up After Your Pet

Dispose of pet waste in the trash so that it isn't washed down storm drains. Dogs in Jefferson County produce **four dump-truck loads** of waste every day.



Reduce Yard Runoff

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



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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