

Storm Water Survey

This survey is being conducted by the University of Rhode Island on behalf of the Departments of Environmental Management and Transportation. Results will help us develop programs to protect and to improve water quality in your community. Thank you for completing this questionnaire!

As you answer the question, please don't worry about whether or not you're providing the "right" answer – the study is most interested in gathering information about general impressions of water resources and water quality issues. Your participation is voluntary and your responses will remain confidential.

Thanks for your help!

To what extent do you believe each of the following items is potentially damaging to water quality in Rhode Island? (Major contributor, Moderate contributor, Minor contributor, Does not contribute, Don't Know/Not Sure)

	Major	Moderate	Minor	None	Not Sure
1. Discharges from sewage treatment plants	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. Pet waste (dog and cat droppings)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. Improper disposal of used motor oil	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. Lawn fertilizers and pesticides	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5. Water runoff from streets and highways	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6. Water runoff from residential roofs and driveways	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7. Oil and gasoline spills on driveways	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
8. Grass clippings and leaves	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
9. Soil erosion from construction sites	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
10. Street sand and salt (during snow storms)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
11. Discharges from industries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
12. Agricultural fertilizers and pesticides	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Which of the following practices would you do on a regular basis if you knew that the action would help reduce water pollution? (I already do this; I'm willing to do this but I do not do it today; I'm not willing to do this; I need more information; This does not apply to my situation)

	<i>Already do this</i>	<i>Willing to do this but don't do it today</i>	<i>Not willing</i>	<i>Need more info</i>	<i>Not applicable</i>
13. Take used automotive oil to a recycling center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
14. Have your oil changed at an automotive service center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
15. Apply fertilizers or weed-killers no more than once or twice per year	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
16. Use no fertilizers or weed killers at all	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
17. Leave the grass clippings on the lawn.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
18. Sweep any lawn products or clippings off the street, sidewalk, driveway, etc.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
19. Direct rain downspouts to your lawn rather than to your driveway	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
20. Keep street gutters in front of your home free of grass clippings and leaves	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
21. Wash your car (or boat) on your lawn	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
22. Wash your car at a commercial car wash	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
23. Clean up and dispose pet waste (either in the toilet, or in bags in the trash)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

24. When water goes down a storm drain, where does it go? (Please write your answer in the space provided. If you don't know, simply write, "Don't know.")

25. Are you familiar with the term "stormwater runoff"?

1. Yes ___
2. No ___

Last summer, did you notice any of the following in Rhode Island:

		Yes	No	Not Sure
26.	Radio ads that mentioned stormwater	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
27.	Ads on bus shelters that mentioned stormwater	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
28.	Ads on the sides of buses that mentioned stormwater	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
29.	Local newspaper articles that mentioned stormwater	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
30.	Life-sized displays of a dad wearing beach gear	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If you answered “yes” to *any* of the questions above, please answer Question 31. If you answered “no” or “not sure” to *all* questions, please skip to Question 32.

31. Did those ads or articles cause you to change your behavior in any way?

1. Yes___
2. No___

32. Have you ever heard of the website RI StormwaterSolutions.org?

1. Yes___
2. No___

Thank you for completing our survey! *This section is optional, but could you please tell us:*

I am: Female___ Male___

My age group is: 18-24___
25-34___
35-44___
45-54___
55-59___
60-65___
65 + _____

My highest education level is: High School___
Some college___
Bachelor's degree___
Post Graduate college___

My Zip Code is: _____

My residence would be considered: Urban___
Suburban___
Rural___

Do you have one or more large pets? (such as a dog or cat)

Yes___ No___

Do you have a yard, garden, or lawn?

Yes___ No___

Do you live within 100 feet of a stream, river, lake, or the ocean?

Yes___ No___