



What on Earth Are you Doing on Earth Day?

While local events celebrating Earth Day may be inevitably impacted this spring, April 22 marks an opportunistic time to explore nature, reassess your residential landscape, and implement measures to improve our environment.

In the mood for a spring stroll? Our **Stormwater Management Division** also invites you to explore one of our community rain gardens at **Korn Street Park in Kingston or Wilkes-Barre Area Career & Technical Center in Plains Twp.**

Across the country, stormwater management programs continually aim to improve the environment while reminding property owners how implementing certain measures can benefit your property and community.



At "Earth Day Along the Susquehanna River" in Wilkes-Barre, WVSA uses an enviro-scape display that helps local students learn about the importance of wastewater treatment and stormwater management.

Stormwater pollutants originate from a wide range of daily activities or land uses. Even routine activities such as home gardening can lead to the flow of pesticides, fertilizers and phosphorus from lawns to our local waters.

What can you do?

Collect roof runoff in a rain barrel. Rain barrels capture water from a roof and hold it for later use such as on lawns, gardens or indoor plants. Collecting roof runoff in rain barrels also reduces the amount of water that flows from your property. In addition, customers who install rain barrels may qualify for a stormwater fee reduction.

Mow your lawn at regular intervals and leave the clippings in place. This process restores organic matter and phosphorus to the lawn and reduces the need for fertilizer.

Redirect downspouts away from hard-paved surfaces and toward vegetated areas to promote infiltration and reduce runoff. Avoid applying fertilizer or other chemicals when rain is in our local forecast.

Use native plants and grasses to fill bare spots and hold soil in place. You can also use native mulch and stone to protect soil and slow stormwater flows.

Apply mulch, paving stones or other porous materials for walkways and patios to help infiltrate stormwater.

Create a border using plants and groundcovers to filter and infiltrate any stormwater that reaches your property line.



Stormwater Management Public Survey

In compliance with federal regulations governing stormwater management, Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority (WVSA), which spearheads the Regional Stormwater Management Program (RSMP), is required to **develop, implement and consistently evaluate** its public outreach and education program. By completing a brief online survey, your input will allow us to assess our program and determine necessitated changes moving forward. To access the survey (available through May 8, 2021), visit wvsa.org/stormwater-management.



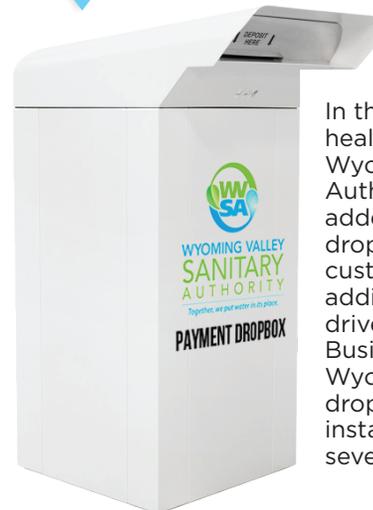
Online Outreach at Your Fingertips

Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority's (WVSA) website includes a section welcoming customers' **questions, comments, and or documentation** relative to stormwater management.

For online submissions, visit:
[wvsa.org/stormwater-management/
webforms/public-questions-comments](http://wvsa.org/stormwater-management/webforms/public-questions-comments)



Convenient Payment Drop-box Locations



In the interest of public health and convenience, Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority (WVSA) has added several new drop-box locations for customer payments. In addition to its drive-through bay at its Business Office (179 Wyoming Ave., Kingston), drop-boxes have been installed throughout several municipalities.

For a complete list, please see the backside of your bill or visit wvsa.org/billing-services.



UPCOMING EVENTS

WVSA Board of Directors Meetings

Tuesday, April 20

Tuesday, May 18

Tuesday, July 20

Dates subject to change.
Visit wvsa.org/upcoming-events



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