



For Teachers and Students:

Stormwater Education at your Fingertips

Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority's (WVSA) **Stormwater Management Division** continues implementation of its **Public Outreach and Education Program** via municipal meetings, educational materials, community events and more.

While local events provide an opportunistic platform for public outreach and education, students can also learn about the **importance of environmental preservation and stormwater management** via an informative online presentation. Our **"The Surprising Story of Stormwater"** presentation is readily available for teachers and students.

Scan this QR code or visit wvsa.org/stormwater-management/pages/public-outreach-education.



?? DID YOU KNOW??

Blowing yard debris, including leaves, shrubby trimmings and grass clippings onto a street or into a storm drain **moves the debris to local waterways**. This is where they decompose and act as **major pollutants** by increasing nitrogen and phosphorous to unsafe levels for fish and other aquatic life. Also, **excess fertilizers and pesticides** applied to lawns and gardens wash off and **pollute our streams and rivers**.

What can you do?

- **Compost or mulch** yard waste
- **Cover** piles of dirt or mulch used in landscaping projects
- Use pesticides **sparingly**
- Bag and dispose of leaves and grass clippings through **municipal pickup or drop-off programs**
- **Avoid blowing yard debris** onto a street or into a storm drain

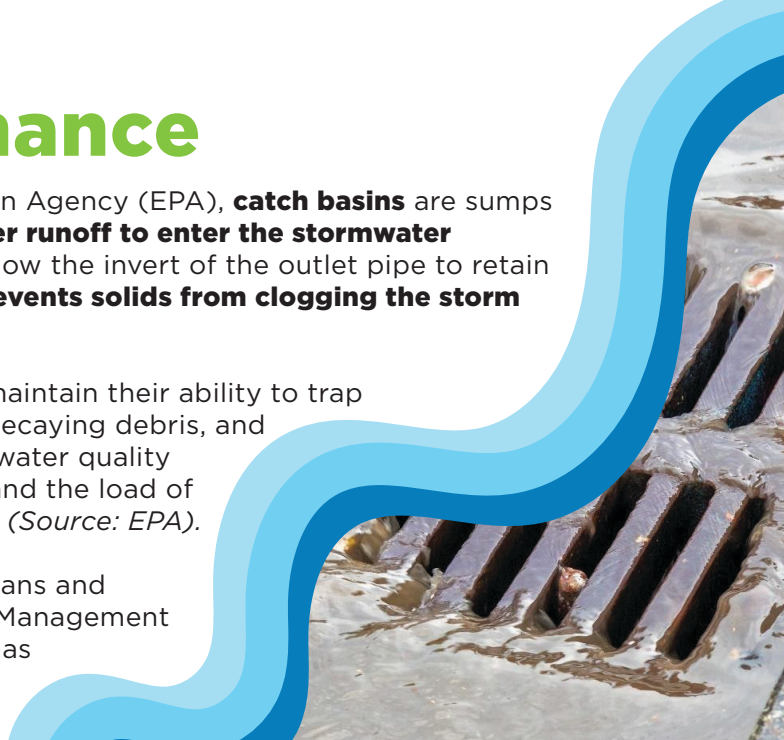


Catching On to the benefits of Catch Basin Maintenance

As described by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), **catch basins** are sumps or chambers usually built at the curb line, which **allow water runoff to enter the stormwater conveyance system**. Many catch basins have a low area below the invert of the outlet pipe to retain coarse sediment. By trapping sediment, the catch basin **prevents solids from clogging the storm sewer** and being washed into receiving waters.

In addition, catch basins must be **cleaned periodically** to maintain their ability to trap sediment and prevent flooding. The removal of sediment, decaying debris, and highly-polluted water from catch basins has aesthetic and water quality benefits, including reducing suspended solids, foul odors, and the load of oxygen-demanding substances that reach receiving waters (*Source: EPA*).

Our **Stormwater Management Division** routinely clears, cleans and replaces catch basins throughout its Regional Stormwater Management Program (RSMP) municipalities. As of July 1, 2022, WVSA has cleaned **1,004 local catch basins** through its RSMP.



Questions

about **Services** or **Billing?**

Our representatives are available
**Monday – Friday,
8AM - 4PM**
(Sanitary – 570-820-9872)
and **7AM - 3PM**
(Stormwater – 570-825-3416).

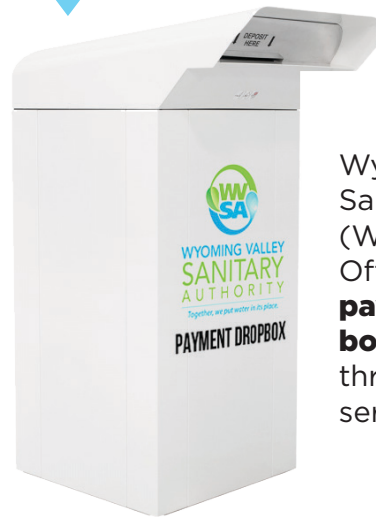
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Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority's (WVSA) Business Office has **several payment drop-off boxes** available throughout its service areas.

For a complete list of locations, visit the **Red Alert Section** of our website's homepage at **wvsa.org**.



UPCOMING EVENTS

WVSA Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, October 17

Tuesday, November 21

Tuesday, December 19

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



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