

# What You Can Do

We need you to join us in solving the problem of raw sewage in our streams. One of the best ways to do this is to get involved in developing the city's long-term control plan and help city leaders choose which capital improvement projects are best for Indianapolis.

Look up our Web site, [www.indycleanstreams.org](http://www.indycleanstreams.org), for the latest information on public meetings and other ways to get involved. It took decades for our streams to get into this condition, and it will take years of hard work and investment to improve them. In the meantime, there are measures you can take to help protect the environment and yourself and your family.

## Protect the Environment

- Disconnect downspouts and sump pumps connected to sewers. This will prevent clear water from using up our sewers' capacity.
- Don't send fats, oils or grease down the drain. They cause sewer blockages and backups.
- Properly dispose of motor oil, antifreeze, battery acid and household chemicals. Call 327-4TOX to learn how.
- Clear gutters and storm sewer drains of leaves and debris.
- Reduce water use in your home and business.
- Clean up after your pets. Their waste contaminates our waterways.

Simple actions like these can add up to a healthier environment and better quality of life for us all.

## Protect Yourself and Your Family

- Pay attention to warning signs posted by the Indianapolis Department of Public Works and the Marion County Health Department.
- Call the Sewer Overflow Hotline at 327-1643 to receive notification of sewage overflows.
- Sign up for sewage overflow e-mail alerts at [www.indycleanstreams.org](http://www.indycleanstreams.org).