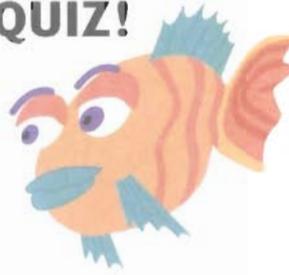


TAKE THE QUIZ!



1. What are storm drains?

- A. Devices to filter rain water so we can drink it
- B. Sewer drains in the streets
- C. Garbage disposals in the streets
- D. Secret gateways to the center of the Earth

2. After it rains in Milwaukee, where does the rain go?

- A. To the movies
- B. The Hoover Dam
- C. The rivers, streams and Lake Michigan
- D. The planet Jupiter

3. What is the source of Milwaukee's drinking water?

- A. Lake Michigan
- B. Bubblers
- C. A deep well in Minnesota
- D. The North Pole

4. Is it okay to wash my car in the driveway or in the street?

- A. YES – Soapy water cleans the rivers
- B. NO – Wash it over a storm drain
- C. YES – That's what streets are for
- D. NO – It will pollute our waters

5. What's the best way to dispose of pet waste?

- A. Leave it in the street
- B. Wrap it in a bag and throw it in the garbage
- C. Put it under your sister's pillow
- D. Flush it down the toilet

6. What should I do with used motor oil and antifreeze?

- A. Dump it in the street
- B. Dump it in your yard – the ground will soak it up
- C. Pour it on your ice cream
- D. Take it to a collection center for recycling

7. What are household hazardous wastes?

- A. Your brother's dirty sweat socks
- B. Your cat's litter box
- C. Cans of oil paints and paint strippers
- D. That old container of leftovers in the fridge

8. Grass clippings are natural – can't we just sweep them into the street?

- A. YES – They dissolve overnight
- B. NO – They pollute our waters
- C. YES – They feed the sewer gods
- D. NO – Sprinkle them on spaghetti



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ANSWERS!

1. B. Sewer drains in the streets

Storm drains and the city's storm sewer system were built to prevent our city from flooding when it rains and when the snow melts.

2. C. The rivers, streams and Lake Michigan

In most areas of the city, storm drains lead to sewer pipes that empty into our rivers, streams and lake. Keep wastes out of streets and out of storm drains.

3. A. Lake Michigan

Milwaukee's drinking water comes from Lake Michigan and the rivers flowing into it. The water is first cleaned at the purification plant before entering the drinking water system.

4. D. No – It will pollute our waters

The dirt, oils, grease and metals from your car will contaminate our waterways if they are washed into streets and storm drains.

5. B or D. Wrap it or flush it

Pet waste carries illness-causing organisms. And nutrients in animal waste are food for weeds, algae, and bacteria which choke out fish by making the water cloudy, green and stinky.

6. D. Take it to a collection center for recycling

Milwaukee residents may take used motor oil and antifreeze to two city Self-Help Centers (6660 N. Industrial Rd., and 3879 W. Lincoln Ave.) For more information, call 286-8162.

7. C. Cans of oil paints and paint strippers

Take household hazardous waste to the special collection facility operated by the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District. For the location, call 225-2066.

8. B. No – They pollute our waters

Sweep grass clippings back onto the lawn after mowing. They'll help fertilize the grass. You can also put them in a compost pile or use them as mulch to control weeds. If they wash into our rivers, they'll fertilize weeds, algae, and bacteria which use up oxygen in the water that fish need to breathe.

**To find out more, call the
Pollution Prevention Hotline at 286-8162!**