



**Dear Jackson Resident:**

The City of Jackson's Public Works Department is conducting a survey as part of the City's Stormwater Management Program. The goal is to protect and improve local water quality by reducing Stormwater contaminants. Stormwater pollution is the accumulation of substances such as herbicides, engine oils, etc.; pet waste, leaves and grass clippings; and litter that rainwater washes into stormwater drains. Pollutants are then carried into area streams, rivers, and lakes.

As part of its Stormwater Management Program, the City is reviewing and updating its current waste disposal, construction, and street maintenance regulations and practices. Additional focus includes Stormwater education and recruiting public involvement.

**Please help to improve Jackson's Stormwater quality by completing and returning the survey found on the reverse of this letter. You may return the survey with your water utility payment. Your participation is important and greatly appreciated.**

If you have questions or comments about the Stormwater Management Program, contact Vernon Hartley, at (601) 960-1193 or via email at [vhartley@city.jackson.ms.us](mailto:vhartley@city.jackson.ms.us).

To learn more about the City's Stormwater Management Program, visit [www.jacksonms.gov](http://www.jacksonms.gov) and click on the Government tab and then Public Works page where you will find an article describing the program.

Sincerely,  
Public Works Department  
City of Jackson

# Public Stormwater Questionnaire

## What Do You Know About Stormwater?

### 1. **What is stormwater?**

- Polluted water in any form, such as acid rain
- Water that is inside our stormwater drains
- Water runoff from rain or snow that flows on the ground
- Any precipitation in any form or location
- I don't know

### 2. **Does stormwater go through a cleaning process before reaching our streams, rivers and lakes?**

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

### 3. **In cities, which of these causes more pollution to surrounding and downstream bodies of water?**

- Industrial Polluted Waste (Factories and Businesses)
- Urban Polluted Runoff (Stormwater that flows across paved surfaces and into storm drains)
- I don't know

### 4. **Who can you contact if a storm drain near your home is plugged?**

- Public Works Department
- Members of the community can help
- Street Maintenance
- I don't know

### 5. **What liquids or solids are safe to dispose into a storm drain? (Check all that apply)**

- Rain Water
- Oil
- Soapy Water
- Antifreeze
- Leaves/Grass
- Litter
- None
- I don't know

### 6. **Where can you dispose of household hazardous waste such as paints, pesticides, fertilizers, oil, and other toxic chemicals? (Check all that apply)**

- Local Landfill/Transfer Station (373-5863)
- Storm Drains
- Environmental Service Center (1570 Terry Road)
- Sewer Drains in homes or businesses
- I don't know

## What Do You Think About Stormwater Pollution?

### 7. **Would you consider adapting some of your daily activities to improve water quality if you learned of alternatives?**

- Yes
- No
- Possibly

### 8. **Would you like to learn more about the City's current stormwater regulations?**

- Yes
- No
- Possibly

### 9. **If so, what type of outreach would you find beneficial? (Check all that apply)**

- Informational mailings (brochures & pamphlets)
- Public informational meetings
- Information posted on the City's website
- Jackson's Local Cable Channel
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

### 10. **Which of the following pollutant sources impacts Jackson's water quality? (check all that apply)**

- Wastewater treatment plant discharge
- Leaking septic tanks
- Erosion
- Runoff from paved areas
- Pesticides, fertilizers, etc., applied on lawns
- Oil, grease, etc., leaking from vehicles
- Pet waste
- Litter along streets and roads
- Yard waste (grass, leaves, and limbs) disposed of in gutters, ditches, and streams
- Household detergents (from washing cars in driveways, discharges from washers, etc)
- Runoff from developed sites during and after construction
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

### 11. **Comments?**

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### 12. **Contact Information (optional)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_