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STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Managing stormwater runoff is a crucial task for communities. Keep reading to learn more!

WHAT IS IT?

Stormwater management simply refers to the management of surface runoff which results from rain or snow melt. Surface runoff or stormwater runoff is water that flows over the land as

opposed to seeping into the ground. It originates in most cases from heavy rainfall or snow melt, and runs over land to the nearest drain, creek, stream, lake,

river, or ocean.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Perhaps one of the most important factors to consider in stormwater management is preventing water pollution. This is essential to supporting ecosystem and community health, function and resiliency. Runoff can include bacteria and organic matter from trash and animal waste, oil and grease from leaky cars on the roads, toxic chemicals like pesticides and more.

But also stormwater management can be very effective in reducing and/or preventing flooding and erosion.

DONE? WHAT IS BEING

Federal, state and local laws govern what can be discharged into our waterbodies and how that runoff must be treated prior to discharge.

Through the Clean Water Act, the EPA developed new regulations to address stormwater that might impact our water quality. This created the MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) Permitting Program for many cities, public universities, department of transportations, hospitals, and prisons. The communities under a MS4 Permit must develop a Stormwater Management Program focusing on six areas such as: public education and outreach, construction site erosion control, public participation and involvement, post construction stormwater management, illicit discharge detection and elimination, and pollution prevention and good housekeeping.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Most people don't think that stormwater runoff is an issue until it becomes a personal issue, like flooding or water in our basements. Whether you're a homeowner, tenant, business, or school you can help our water and community with stormwater management!

One of the best ways to help prevent water pollution, flooding, and erosion with your own property is to implement stormwater management and there are many great options to do so like planting trees, installing a rain barrel, limiting impervious (solid paved) areas, cleaning up pet waste, planting a rain garden, cleaning up yard waste, fixing and cleaning vehicle leaks promptly, growing a native meadow or 'no mow' area, and so much more!

Most importantly you can educate your neighbors, children, students, friends, and family about the importance of protecting our water and preventing pollution.

DID YOU KNOW?

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Most communities, like Saint Albans, have separate systems for sewer and stormwater. The sewer system, (aka: sanitary sewer or wastewater sewage) takes water from sinks, toilets, washing machines, etc. through a separate plumbing system to the communities treatment facility. The storm sewer system (stormwater drains) takes surface water such as rain and snow melt runoff and directly transports it to outfalls in our local rivers without treatment.





WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SA?

St. Albans Historical Society
Sat. Feb. 1st 10AM - 2PM
Monthly open House
404 4th AVE adjacent to the
historic C&O Depot.
Come see & share SA history!

The Alban Theatre The Colored Museum

Feb. 21, 22, 28, 29 8PM Feb. 23 & Mar 1 2PM

2020 City Holidays

1/1—New Year's Day 1/20—Martin Luther King Day 2/17—President's Day

5/12—Election Day (Primary)

5/25 — Memorial Day

ST. ALBANS WRITES

Jan. 7th 6:30PM St. Albans Library

The Advisory Board of the St. Albans Branch Library is proud to present St. Albans Writes...a monthly speaker series featuring local authors. The series is presented each month on the first Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the community room of the library. The speaker on February 4, 2020 will be Dr. Rebecca Goodwin. Dr. Goodwin will use her two books, Did You Tell Them Who You Are? and Who Are Her People? to illustrate types of writing about ones family: biography, memoir, family history, and genealogy. You are sure to be informed and entertained at this presentation.

6/19—WV Day 7/3—Independence Day 9/7—Labor Day

10/12—Columbus Day

11/3—Election Day (General)

11/11—Veteran's Day

11/26-27—Thanksgiving 12/25—Christmas

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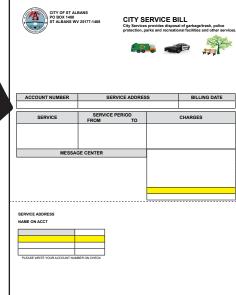
Go to **WWW.STALBANSWV.COM** or call **1-833-208-7484** to make a payment!

You will need your account number on hand.

COMING SOON!

a new look for the St. Albans City Service bill.

The quarterly bill is changing from a blue and white postcard to a full sheet of paper mailed in an envelope. The new look should be easier to read and comes with a return envelope for your convenience.



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