



SEWER VS. STORM DRAIN

DO YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE?

Not all water in Waterloo is treated the same...in fact, some water isn't treated at all. Rain and water from sprinklers and hoses wash litter, pet waste, motor oil, pesticides and other pollutants into the storm drain where it flows untreated into our creeks, rivers and lakes. Only water that enters the sewer (from sinks and toilets) is treated before entering our waterways. **SO DON'T TREAT THEM THE SAME.**



Where does it go?

The Storm Sewer

- Stormwater discharge from parking lots, streets, and roof spaces
- Specially permitted discharges as described in city ordinance

The Sanitary Sewer

- Residential wastewater from toilets, sinks and showers
- Commercial and industrial wastes as allowed by city ordinance

Sewer System Quick Facts

The Storm Sewer

- Over 250 miles of sewer pipe
- 12,000 storm drains
- 6,000 storm manholes
- 3,100 culverts

The Sanitary Sewer

- 380 miles of sewer pipe
- 8,500 manholes
- Treatment Plant treats roughly 7.5 million gallons per day (gpd) from residential sources and an additional 3.5-4 million gpd from commercial or industrial sources