

## ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEY

The Lorain County P.I.P.E. Committee is requesting your participation in a survey intended to review your knowledge of storm (rain) water quality awareness. This questionnaire is part of the EPA mandated Public Information Public Education (P.I.P.E.) program for compliance with the Ohio EPA's Stormwater Phase II compliance. Your answers to these questions will help with future educational programming to increase awareness of storm water quality. Please be assured that all answers will be held confidential and once submitted your names will not be associated with the answers provided.



**MISSION STATEMENT**  
Lorain County Public Information And Public Education (LCPPE) Mission Is To Engage In A Regional Approach For Lorain County To Comply With EPA-NPDES-Phase II Requirements To Increase Public Awareness Of Storm Water Issues And To Provide Information And Opportunities To Protect Our Shared Water Within Lorain County.

A rain barrel will be raffled off as an incentive for those that complete the entire survey. Each person is permitted one chance at a rain barrel donated by the City of Avon Lake, and the deadline to reply is August 31, 2009. Entries can be mailed or delivered to the Lorain County Soil and Water Conservation District Office at 42110 Russia Road, Elyria, Ohio 44035 – 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. or the Avon Lake Engineering Department, 150 Avon Belden Road, Avon, Ohio 44012 or via an online questionnaire through the Avon Lake City web site at [www.avonlake.org](http://www.avonlake.org) or Lorain SWCD web site at [www.lorainswcd.com](http://www.lorainswcd.com)

Thank you for taking the time to assist the Lorain County P.I.P.E.

### Part 1 General Information

1. Do you live in a City?  
 Yes  No  
Which? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Do you live in a Township?  
 Yes  No  
Which? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How long have you been a resident?  
 < 1 year  
 1 to 5 years  
 5 to 10 years  
 > 10 years
4. Are you a business owner?  
 Yes  No

### Part 1 YARD CARE

5. Do you have a yard?  
 Yes  No
6. Who maintains your lawn?  
 I do  
 Lawn care company  
 Other(please describe)  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Do you follow a regular plan for watering, fertilizing & composting?  
 Yes  No
8. How do/did you get information about maintaining your lawn?  
 Fliers from Garden Center  
 Recommendations from my lawn care company  
 From fertilizer manufacturer  
 From books/magazines etc.  
 Other
9. Would you benefit from information about green/natural lawn care?  
 Yes  No  
 No. I follow a "green" lawn maintenance plan.
10. Do you fertilize?  
 Yes \_\_\_\_\_ times per year  
 No
11. Are you aware of any potential hazards with fertilizer and rainwater?  
 Yes  
 No
12. How do you determine how much fertilizer to apply?  
 Recommendations from bag  
 My experience  
 Recommendation of flier/article  
 By how much fertilizer I purchase  
 N/A

13. Do you apply pesticides  
 Yes  No
14. Are you aware of any potential hazards with pesticides and rainwater?  
 Yes  No
15. Have you read any information in the last 5 years about yard care and the environment?  
 Yes Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 No

### Part 2 PET CARE

16. Do you own a dog?  
 Yes  
 No (skip to question 22)
17. Do you or someone in your home walk your dog?  
 Yes  No
18. How often do you clean up after your dog on a walk?  
 Always  
 Never  
 More than 50% of the time  
 Less than 50% of the time
19. In your opinion is pet waste an environmental hazard?  
 Yes  No  
 Never thought about it
20. Would you like more information about pet waste and the environment?  
 Yes  No  
 There is no hazard
21. Did these questions make you think more about pet waste and the impacts it has on environment and Lake Erie?  
 Yes  No

### Part 3 HOUSEHOLD WASTE

22. Do you recycle?  
 Yes  No
23. How do you dispose of unused household cleaning products?  
 N/A Have cleaning service  
 Dispose with weekly garbage  
 Deliver to drop off center  
 Deliver to yearly HHW clean up at LCCC in spring  
 Dump down drain in sink  
 Other  
Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

24. How do you dispose of your used motor oil?  
 N/A- I use oil change service  
 Dispose with weekly garbage  
 Deliver to drop off center  
 Deliver to yearly HHW clean up at LCCC  
 Dump down drain  
 Other  
Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_
25. How do you dispose of used paint?  
 N/A  
 Dispose with weekly garbage  
 Deliver to drop off center  
 Deliver to yearly HHW clean up at LCCC in spring  
 Dump down drain in sink  
 Other  
Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_
26. Do you know that oil, cleaning supplies and old paint are hazardous materials?  
 Yes  No  
 Never thought about it
27. Is washing your car in the driveway an environmental issue?  
 Yes  No  
 Never thought about it
28. Have you read any information in the last 5 years about household hazardous waste and the environment?  
 Yes Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 No
32. Did you see the Lorain County P.I.P.E. booth at the Lorain County Fair?  
 Yes  No
33. If you answered yes to #32 did you pick up any of the literature?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
34. What do you think about this questionnaire?  
 Made me think  
 Waste of time  
 My opinion is the same  
 Only did it for the prizes  
 There is no point. Storm water is treated therefore we can dump anything we want in the sewers.
35. Would you like to see more information and what is the best way to get you to read it?  
 No, don't care  
 No, my kids tell me all they learn at school  
 Yes  
 Newspaper articles  
 Community events  
 Talks at association meetings  
 Talks at library  
 Fliers in the mail  
 Website or online newsletter

**Part 5 RESPONDENT INFORMATION**

- Part 4 GENERAL**
29. Where does the rainwater from your roof drain to?  
 Sewage treatment plant  
 Storm sewer then to Lake Erie  
 Don't know but wish I knew  
 Don't know and don't care
30. Are you aware that Lorain County has an educational program for storm water quality awareness?  
 Yes  No
31. Where do you dispose of your leaves in the fall? (please read carefully)  
 Leave on tree lawn for City to pick up  
 Bag and leave in trash  
 Dump them in street for City to pick up  
 Compost in my yard  
 Dump in the woods near home  
 Other  
Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_
36. Gender  
 Male  
 Female
37. Do you own or rent?  
 Own  
 Rent
38. What is your age?  
 18-30  
 31-40  
 41-50  
 51-60  
 over 60 years  
 old enough to know not to answer this question
39. Would you like to be entered into the raffle?  
 Yes  No

Thank you for taking the time to answer these questions. Your input will be used in the future for creating educational opportunities in the future for stormwater awareness. If you want more information or have any other rainwater questions please call Nancy Funni, District Administrator, Lorain Soil and Water Conservation District 440-326-5805 or Joseph Reitz, Avon Lake Engineering Manager at 440-930-4101.

Deadline for entry into the prize drawing is August 31, 2009.

Yes I completed the questionnaire and would like my name to be placed in the drawing for the rain barrel (\$150 value).

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Township if applies: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (day/evening)

Entries can be mailed or delivered to:

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