

# *TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE ON "STORMWATER"*

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## **TOWN OF OSSINING RESIDENTS**

1. What is Stormwater?
2. What could it collect?
3. What could it threaten?
4. Pollution conveyed by Stormwater degrades the quality of what? Give me one example.
5. What causes a sheen/rainbow on top of what was clean water?
6. Can careless application of pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers affect the health of living organism and cause ecosystems imbalances?
7. We have seen this all over and sometimes overlook it as well. It is extremely important when it comes to diminishing the beauty of our waterways. Do you think you can name it?
8. What is United States EPA?

Answers:

1. Stormwater is water from rain or melting snow that does not soak into the ground but runs off into waterways. It flows from rooftops, over paved areas and bare soil, and through sloped lawns while picking up a variety of materials on its way. 2. Pollutants and Contaminants 3. Our lakes, rivers, wetlands and other water bodies. It can contaminate our drinking water supply. 4. Our drinking water, fisheries, and the habitat of plants, and animals, all of whom depend on clean water for survival. 5. Oil and grease from automobiles causes a sheen and odor and makes transfer of oxygen difficult for aquatic organisms. 6. Yes; check with the Westchester County website for guidelines. 7. Litter debris damage which affects aquatic life and introduces chemical pollution as well. 8. Environmental Protection Agency, which regulates national Stormwater and pollution standards.

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