

# WATER QUALITY SURVEY

**1. Which is the most important component for healthy, clean water for YOU? Rank your top 3, or all of them. (1 = first priority, 6 = least priority)**

- |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing / kayaking / other boating | <input type="checkbox"/> Eating locally caught fish | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking and family activities    | <input type="checkbox"/> Fish & wildlife habitat    | <input type="checkbox"/> Scenic beauty |

**2. I think that the water quality in lakes, rivers, and streams where I live is:**

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Getting much worse      | <input type="checkbox"/> Getting somewhat worse | <input type="checkbox"/> Staying the same |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Getting somewhat better | <input type="checkbox"/> Getting much better    | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know       |

**3. How much of a problem are the following in your community? Rank your top 3, or all of them. (1 = first priority, 7 = least priority)**

- Sedimentation (dirt and soil) in the water
- Bacteria (E. coli) in the water, beach closures
- Trash and debris in the water, including logs and trees
- Toxic materials in the water
- Algae in the water
- Invasive aquatic plants and animals
- Habitat alteration & loss harming local fish & wildlife

**3. How much do you think the way you maintain your home (e.g., fertilizing, recycling, pet waste, vehicle care) affects water quality in rivers and streams where you live?**

- |                                       |  |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Great effect | <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate effect | <input type="checkbox"/> Little effect |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No effect    | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know      |  |

**4. During the past 3 years, have you or someone in your house taken action to help clean-up water or protect water?**

- Yes – Answer 4a       No       Don't know

**4a. If YES: what action(s) have you taken?**

---

**5. During the past year, which ONE do you think contributed the MOST pollution to lakes, rivers and streams where you live?**

- Wastewater treatment plant discharges
- Factories / industrial discharges
- Stormwater (rain water) runoff into storm drains and roadside ditches
- Sewage overflow
- Animal waste from domestic and wild animals
- Erosion from construction sites
- Agricultural operations

**6. The quality of my local streams and rivers where I live affects the health of the Great Lakes.**

- |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Agree             | <input type="checkbox"/> Neither agree nor disagree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree       | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know                 |

## WATER QUALITY SURVEY

**7. Where does stormwater (rain water) go after it enters a storm drain catch basin or roadside ditch at your property?**

- Directly to a river without treatment       To a river after receiving some treatment  
 To a wastewater treatment plant       Don't know

**8. Which ONE BEST describes where you live?**

- I live near a watershed       I live in a watershed  
 I don't live in a watershed       Don't know/I'm not familiar with the term "watershed"

**9. Where do you typically wash your vehicle during the summer?**

- At home in the driveway       At home on the grass       At a carwash  
 Other place: \_\_\_\_\_       Don't wash a vehicle

**10. Do you have a septic system at your home?**

- Yes - Answer 10a       No - Go to 11       Don't know

**10a. If YES, have you had your septic system checked or serviced during the past 3 years?**

- Yes       No       Don't know

**11. Do you or other members of your family usually change motor oil, transmission fluid, or radiator fluid for vehicles at your home?**

- Yes       No

**12. Where do you typically dispose of materials, such as old oil/fluids from your vehicle, batteries, pesticides, paints, and other household hazardous wastes? (check all that apply)**

- On the ground, in the woods, or in a ditch - answer 12a  
 With my regular trash - answer 12a  
 I keep it in a container at my home - answer 12a  
 At a scheduled community collection site or facility that accepts these materials - go to 13  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**12a. Why don't you typically dispose of your household hazardous waste at a community collection site?**

- Don't know where one is located       Don't have time  
 No sites are located near my home       I don't think hazardous waste facilities are necessary  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**13. How familiar are you with a.) rain barrels and b.) rain gardens? Circle either rain barrel or rain garden, or both.**

- Never heard of it       Somewhat familiar       Not relevant to me  
 Know about it; not using it       Currently using/doing it

**14. Are you willing to try a rain barrel or rain garden on your property?**

- Yes/ already do       Maybe       No, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

**15. Anything else you want to say about water quality concerns or pollution where you live?**

~ Continued on other side ~

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!**