

City of Perry 2018 Stormwater Survey



The City of Perry is attempting to inform and educate the citizens of Perry on the importance of preventing Storm Water pollution in our creeks, streams, rivers and lakes. This goal can only be accomplished by citizens, businesses and developers working together. Below is a list of questions which will provide us with a benchmark to begin addressing our most urgent needs. Upon completion of this questionnaire, please feel free to add any comments or observations. If you have any questions or if you would like to report ILLEGAL DUMPING, call Sarah L. Nottingham- Stormwater Division, at (478) 988-2735. Please return this survey by mail to: City of Perry, Attn: Sarah L. Nottingham, P.O. Box 2030, Perry, GA 31069 or by fax: (478) 988-2725. You may also drop off the survey in the water payment box outside City Hall. Completed surveys are due by **November 19, 2018**.

As you answer the questions, please don't worry about whether or not you are providing the "right" answer – the survey is most interested in gathering information about general impressions of water quality issues. Your participation is voluntary and your responses will remain confidential.

1. Based on your current knowledge, do you think the overall water quality of the stream, ponds, lakes, etc. in the City of Perry is:
 - a. Poor
 - b. Fair
 - c. Good
 - d. Excellent
2. The following is a list of possible sources of water pollution. Please tell us which one you think is the biggest source of water pollution in the City of Perry:
 - a. Litter
 - b. Waste from industry/business
 - c. Wastewater from the sewage treatment plant
 - d. Runoff from yards, roof tops, parking lots and streets
3. If you had to pick one of the following options to describe where stormwater goes after it goes into a storm drain, you would say that it drains:
 - a. A sewage/wastewater treatment plant
 - b. A separate special treatment plant just for stormwater
 - c. Nearby fields and yards
 - d. The nearest stream
4. Are you aware the City of Perry has a Stormwater Hotline and email address that citizens can use to contact city staff to report stormwater pollution, erosion problems or ask questions?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
5. Are you aware that the City of Perry publishes a monthly newsletter called FYI.
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
6. How often do you visit the City of Perry's website?
 - a. Daily
 - b. Once or Twice a month
 - c. Yearly
 - d. Never
7. Do you have a grass lawn or yard that you maintain?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
8. When you mow the grass or rake leaves, what do you do with the grass clippings or leaves?
 - a. Collect them and put them with the garbage
 - b. Leave the clippings on the grass or spread them in the yard
 - c. Dump them in the gutter or ditch
 - d. Pile them in the yard or compost them
 - e. Other
9. Do you have problems growing grass/establishing vegetation or bare spots in your yard?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
10. Do you use native grasses and vegetation in your yard/landscape?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
11. Does anyone fertilize your lawn?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

12. About how often would you say someone fertilizes your lawn
- Monthly or every other month
 - Two or three time a year
 - Once a year or less
13. Has anyone ever tested the soil on your lawn to determine how much fertilizer it needs:
- Yes
 - No
14. Do you have a car, truck or other vehicle:
- Yes
 - No
15. How do you get your vehicle washed?
- Wash it at home
 - Take it to a carwash
 - Take it to a volunteer/charity carwash
 - I don't wash my vehicle
16. If/when you wash your vehicle at home does the dirty wash-water flow?
- Onto grass, dirt or gravel
 - Onto the street or driveway
 - It varies
 - I don't wash my vehicle at home
17. Do you ever change your own oil?
- Yes
 - No
18. When you change your own oil, how do you dispose of the old, used oil?
- Put it in the garbage
 - Pour it down a storm drain, into the yard/woods or into a ditch
 - Take it somewhere to be recycled
 - Other
19. Do you have a dog?
- Yes
 - No
20. Do you pick up your dog's waste (from sidewalks, street or yard)?
- Always
 - Sometimes
 - Rarely
 - Never
21. Do you have a drainage area on your property (either above ground flow or underground pipe)?
- Yes
 - No
 - Not sure
22. If you have storm drainage pipe/structure in this area, who do you believe is responsible for maintaining it if there was a problem?
- The owner (yourself)
 - The City
 - Your homeowners association
23. Do you know if you have a floodplain, wetlands, channels, streams or buffer areas near your house?
- Yes, I do
 - No, I don't
 - I'm not sure what I have
 - I'm not sure what these terms mean
24. Do you ever experience flooding or standing water near your home?
- Frequently
 - Sometimes
 - Never
25. How would you rate your stormwater awareness?
- Good
 - Fair
 - Poor

Thank you for completing our survey! This section is optional, but could you please tell us:

- Gender
 - Male
 - Female
- Age
 - 18-24
 - 25-34
 - 35-44
 - 45-54
 - 55-59
 - 60+
- What is your level of education?
 - High School
 - Some College
 - Bachelor's Degree
 - Post Graduate College

Thank you for participating in the survey! We truly appreciate your time.

To find out more about why we are conducting this survey, call 475-988-2735 or email sarah.nottingham@perry-ga.gov.

Please feel free to add any additional comments or questions that you may have.