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April 22 is Earth Day

The theme for Earth Day 2025 is **OUR POWER, OUR PLANET**. For details please visit www.earthday.org

This day is used to invite everyone around the globe to unite behind renewable energy, and to triple the global generation of clean electricity by 2030.

The City of LaPorte Park Foundation will hold an inaugural Earth Day 5K Family Fun Run/Walk on Saturday April 26, 2025. For more details please visit:
<https://runsignup.com/Race/IN/LaPorte/EarthDay5KFamilyFunRunWalk>

Spring Time Stormwater Management

While the start of spring and warmer days to come is certainly exciting, it is important not to overlook what comes with an increase in seasonal rain – stormwater pollution.

Stormwater either soaks into exposed soil or remains on top of surfaces like rooftops and asphalt. Most stormwater will eventually evaporate, but often times it will flow as runoff to another location, picking up pollutants on its way. Here are some tips to help prevent stormwater pollution this spring.



Keep Grass Clippings On Your Lawn

Here are some tips to help recycle grass clippings for healthy waterways.

- Cut grass when it is dry
- Use a sharp mower blade and do not cut more than $\frac{1}{3}$ of the grass blade.
- Keep grass mowed to between 2-3"
- If the grass is too high, you can mow over clippings to make them smaller and spread them out further on the lawn
- When mowing along a sidewalk or street be sure the blower is facing back towards the lawn

Scoop the Poop

Pet waste left on the ground, especially near streets and sidewalks, gets washed into the storm drains during rain events and flows to your local waterways without being treated!

Pet waste contributes to bacterial contamination of our rivers, lakes and streams. Pet waste contains nutrients that can cause excessive algae growth. As pet waste decomposes it demands a high level of oxygen from the water which can harm fish and plant life.

Please Pick Up After Your Pets!



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