



STUDENT NAME: _____

In order to become an official Drain Stormer and receive your certificate, you must pass this **TRUE OR FALSE** quiz about Fort Wayne's rivers and our storm drains.

After reading each statement and deciding if it is true or false, circle your answer.

1. Fort Wayne's three rivers are the St. Marys, St. Joe and Maumee. **TRUE FALSE**
2. All of Fort Wayne's storm drains lead directly to its rivers. **TRUE FALSE**
3. Everything that goes down the storm drains will be treated before going into the rivers. **TRUE FALSE**
4. The storm drains are a good place for garbage and litter found on the streets. **TRUE FALSE**
5. Fort Wayne gets its drinking water from the St. Joe river. **TRUE FALSE**
6. Because Fort Wayne's rivers are brown it means that its rivers are dirty. **TRUE FALSE**
7. Fort Wayne's rivers flow from north to south. **TRUE FALSE**
8. Indiana's rivers are home to the North American River Otter. **TRUE FALSE**
9. The river otter is on the state of Indiana's endangered species list. **TRUE FALSE**
10. The only thing that should go down Fort Wayne's storm drains is rain. **TRUE FALSE**

ANSWER KEY FOR BECOME A DRAIN STORMER QUIZ:

1. **TRUE.** Fort Wayne's three rivers are the St. Marys, St. Joe and Maumee.
2. **TRUE.** All of Fort Wayne's 29,000 storm drains lead directly to its rivers.
3. **FALSE.** Whatever makes its way into the storm drains will go untreated into the rivers.
4. **FALSE.** The only thing that should go down the storm drains is rain.
5. **TRUE.** Fort Wayne gets its drinking water from the St. Joe river.*
6. **FALSE.** Fort Wayne's rivers are brown because as the rivers move, they collect soil, sediment and debris washed from farm fields and developed land when it rains. You may have noticed that after a heavy rain, the rivers look even more brown than when it hasn't rained in a while. This is because of the kind of soil located in northeastern Indiana. It is made up of very tiny particles that tend to float easily. In areas of the country where the soil is sandy, river water is clearer because the sand sinks to the bottom. But even though Fort Wayne's rivers will never be completely clear and pure, they are clean, although we can always do more to make them cleaner.
7. **FALSE.** Many people think rivers flow from north to south, but Fort Wayne's rivers are great examples of rivers that don't flow in the direction you think they might. Fort Wayne sits on what is known as the St. Lawrence continental divide that separates the Great Lakes Basin from the Gulf of Mexico watershed. Although the land around Fort Wayne is flat, the city is on a small ridge that resulted from receding glaciers that covered the area in the Ice Age.**
8. **TRUE.** Otters once lived all over Indiana but were completely gone by the 1940s due to overhunting. In the 1990s, officials brought otters from Louisiana to Indiana and released them in wild waterways. These otters survived and bred, so otters are making a comeback throughout the Hoosier State's rivers.
9. **FALSE.** The North American River Otter was successfully reintroduced to northern and southern Indiana rivers between 1995 and 1999. The reintroduction went so well that the river otter was removed from the state endangered list in 2005.
10. **TRUE.** Only rain in the drain.

* FYI: Fort Wayne's Drinking Water

Fort Wayne's drinking water is among the world's tastiest. In 2022, its water finished 4th in the municipal water category.

It's the second straight year City Utilities (and Fort Wayne's water) has placed in the world's top five.

It came in fourth in 2021.

** FYI: Fort Wayne's Three Rivers

The St. Joseph River begins in Hillsdale County, Michigan. It flows southeast into Ohio where it turns and flows southwest to Fort Wayne.

The St. Marys River begins near Celina, Ohio. It flows northwest into Fort Wayne where it meets the St. Joseph River near Headwaters Park. The two rivers combine to form the Maumee River. It flows in a northeasterly direction and ends at Toledo where it dumps into Lake Erie.

The Maumee River is the largest tributary (a river or stream flowing into a larger river or lake) to the Great Lakes. So, some of Fort Wayne's rivers flow generally to the north and east and others flow to the south and west.