CITY OF BRISTOL, VIRGINIA
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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER COMING NEXT YEAR!

What is an MS4 and Why Does It Matter?

Let’s begin 2020 with our first edition of the quarterly newsletter and a general explanation of why the City of Bristol is considered a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System or MS4.

An MS4 is defined as a conveyance or system of conveyances that is owned by state, city, town, village, or other public entity that discharges to water of the U.S and designed or used to collect or convey stormwater (e.g., storm drains, curbs and gutters, pipes and ditches). The term MS4 does not solely refer to municipally-owned storm sewer systems but rather is a term with a much broader application that can include state departments of transportation, universities, local sewer districts, hospitals, military bases and prisons.

The identification of communities as MS4s is to help reduce water pollution in our nation’s waterways.

For more information on Bristol’s Stormwater Management program please follow the link to our stormwater webpage;

https://www.bristolva.org/441/Stormwater-Management

Three high-priority water quality issues for the City of Bristol are;
1) Bacteria from pet waste    2) Sediment from land disturbing activities
3) Litter
Each newsletter will focus on information concerning stormwater rainfall, runoff, quantity and quality. One of the high-priority water quality issues previously listed will be explained.

“The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain.”

Dolly Parton

Total Precipitation for 2018 = 59.01”
Total Precipitation for 2019 = ????”

We received 57.10” of precipitation thru November, 2019. Will we beat last years total?

Please share the newsletter on Facebook and feel free to e-mail to family and friends.

If you see an “illicit discharge” (anything other than rain going down the storm drain) please report it by calling or e-mailing the contact below.

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