



## **Annual Water Quality Report Available on Website**

For the second year, the Holden Department of Public Works, Water & Sewer Division will be making its annual water quality report available to the public electronically through the Town's website. The report for 2014 will be available by June 1, 2015 and can be downloaded from the Town's website at [http://www.holdenma.gov/sites/holden/files/file/file/2014\\_water\\_quality\\_report.pdf](http://www.holdenma.gov/sites/holden/files/file/file/2014_water_quality_report.pdf).

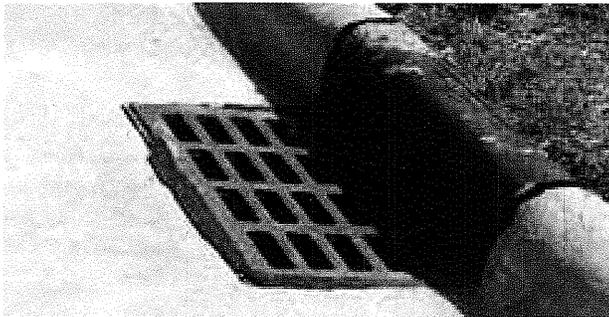
As with last year, anyone who still wants a paper copy of the report can call 508-210-5550 or email [mwhipple@holdenma.gov](mailto:mwhipple@holdenma.gov) in order to make a request. Reports will be mailed or delivered to all those making such a request.

The annual water quality report, also known as the consumer confidence report, provides a summary of all contaminants found in Holden's drinking water during the previous year. It also provides information on water supply sources and treatment practices.



## **Preventing Stormwater Pollution**

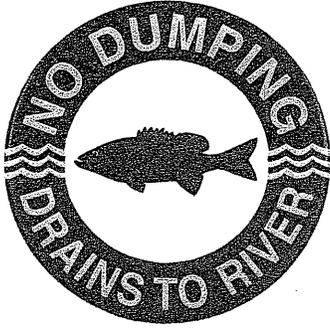
**There is a big difference between a sanitary sewer and a storm drain.**



Storm drain/Catch basin

The sanitary sewer system takes all wastewater from toilets, sinks and showers to a wastewater treatment facility, where the water is treated before it is discharged to a water body.

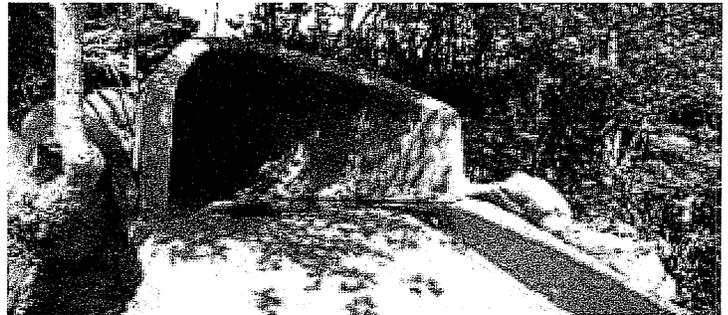
The storm drain system, on the other hand, collects rainwater from city streets and urban areas to prevent flooding.



Unfortunately, chemicals, oil, trash and other debris that have been spilled accidentally or intentionally can also enter the storm drain system. The water from storm drains typically flows untreated to a nearby stream, river or other water body, causing water pollution.

**Stormwater Pollution** causes erosion, habitat degradation, and poor water quality, impacting commercial and recreational fishing, swimming, and boating.

Dumping waste onto the street is a large contributor of water pollution in the country and it is against the law.



Storm Drain Outfall



You can help protect the local water resources by adopting these tips:

- Never discharge wash water or toxic materials such as antifreeze, waste oil, used solvents, or paints to a storm drain or water body.
- Use commercial car washes, or wash vehicles on a lawn so the soapy water does not flow directly to a storm drain.
- Use biodegradable soaps.
- Never Throw Dog Waste Down A Storm Drain! Bacteria and other parasites can survive for long periods and compromise water quality.
- Don't over fertilize! Lawn chemicals contain pollutants that may contaminate drinking water supplies. Follow fertilizer package instructions.

For more information visit <http://centralmastormwater.org>