

## Combined Sewer Systems: Nationwide Problem

Combined sewer systems carry both stormwater and raw sewage in the same pipes. Many cities with combined sewer systems have problems with raw sewage overflows when it rains. These overflows contain not only stormwater, but also untreated human and industrial waste, toxic materials and debris. Combined sewer systems serve roughly 772 communities containing about 40 million people, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Most communities with combined sewer systems are located in the Northeast and Great Lakes regions and in the Pacific Northwest. Indiana has more than 100 communities with combined sewers.



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