



## **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **SPRING INTO ACTION AND HELP REDUCE POLLUTION GOING INTO SAGINAW BAY!**

IT'S SPRING AND IT'S A GREAT TIME TO CONSIDER WAYS THAT EACH OF US CAN HELP PROTECT THE WATER QUALITY IN SAGINAW BAY.

THE CITY OF BAY CITY AND SAGINAW HAVE FINISHED CONSTRUCTION OF LARGE UNDERGROUND RETENTION TREATMENT BASINS TO ENSURE THAT UNTREATED SEWAGE OVERFLOWES INTO THE SAGINAW RIVER ARE FINALLY A THING OF THE PAST.

CONSIDER DOING YOUR PART BY . . .

- . . . HAVING YOUR SEPTIC TANK PUMPED
- . . . INSTALLING A RAIN BARREL
- . . . PICKING UP YOUR DOG WASTE
- . . . **DON'T' FLUSH YOUR DRUGS!**

WHETHER YOU ARE CONNECTED TO THE CITY SEWER OR HAVE A SEPTIC SYSTEM, DRUGS SHOULD NEVER BE FLUSHED DOWN THE SINK OR TOILET. MEDICATION CANNOT BE CLEANED UP LIKE SEWAGE, SO DRUGS CAN END UP IN THE BAY AFFECTING FISH AND WILDLIFE. LOOK FOR THE YELLOW JUG PROGRAM AT YOUR LOCALLY OWNED NEIGHBORHOOD PHARMACY.

WHILE THE SAGINAW BAY IS CLEANER TODAY THAN IT HAS BEEN IN YEARS, WE STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO, AND WE ALL NEED TO DO OUR PART TO REDUCE POLLUTION.

THIS MESSAGE BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE VOLUNTEERS OF THE SAGINAW BAY COASTAL INITIATIVE. FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT THE BAY COUNTY, MICHIGAN WEBSITE.

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