



Questions

1. What are Combined Sewers?

2. Which of the following may cause a Combined Sewer System to overflow?

- a. Flushing the toilet too much
- b. A light rain
- c. A heavy rain storm
- d. Taking a bath

3. If there is a heavy rainstorm and Combined Sewers Overflow into the rivers without being treated, what actions can citizens take to limit their water use and send less water through our system?



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- a. Conserve water wherever possible
- b. Take lots of shower
- c. Flush the toilet multiple times
- d. All of the above

4. Which actions could the government take to reduce CSOs?

- a. Separate stormwater and sewer lines
- b. Install storage tanks to hold overflow during storm event
- c. Expand wastewater treatment capacity
- d. All of the above

5. CSO discharges are bad for our environment because they:

- a. Can cause human and animal health hazards
- b. Negatively impact our water quality



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- c. Reduce oxygen levels in the water
- d. All of the above

6. CSO discharges can create bacterial contamination in the water that results in:

- a. More oxygen for fish to breath
- b. Better water quality
- c. The closure of New York beaches
- d. All of the above

7. Which of the following is an example of green infrastructure that reduces stormwater overflows?

- a. Bioswales
- b. Solar panels
- c. Windmills
- d. All of the above



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8. How many CSOs are in New York State?
- a. Ten
 - b. Eight hundred
 - c. Fifty
 - d. One thousand



Answer Key

1. Answer: Combined Sewers are sewer systems that collect stormwater runoff, domestic sewage, and industrial wastewater in the same pipe and bring it to the wastewater treatment facility.

2. c

3. a

4. d

5. d

6. c

7. a

8. b