

FLOODING OR A LEAK?

Heavy rain can soak your yard. So is water ponding in your yard caused by heavy rains or a leak? Here are three tips to determine which.

1. Check your water meter over a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter amount changes, you likely have a leak.
2. If you suspect a leak, determine if it is inside or outside your home. Shut off water at your house's main valve. Check your meter to see if usage has changed—if there is no change, the leak is inside your house. If the usage changes, the leak is outside between the meter and your house (property owner's responsibility). **Contact a plumber.**

An underground leak may appear as parts of your property that are always wet, like a puddle that never dries up.



3. If you have a leaky faucet, it may be caused by a worn rubber washer, located under the handle of the faucet. **Replace the rubber washer.**



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TORNADO SEASON PREP

With tornado season upon us, it is never too early to begin preparing for an emergency. The Red Cross recommends the following items be kept in your emergency preparedness kit:

- One gallon of **water**, per person, per day (a two-week supply is recommended for homes)
- **Flashlight**
- **Battery-powered radio**
- **First aid kit**, including specific medications for your family
- **Multi-purpose tool**

Identify your home's safety zone in case of a tornado. A basement, storm cellar or interior room on the lowest floor are the best options. If you are in a mobile home, evacuate to a nearby sturdy building or designated shelter.

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Look Out for Leaks

Your monthly water bill includes a **consumption graph**, which shows the previous 13 months of water consumption totals. If your consumption increases unexpectedly, you may have a leak.

You can also check your water consumption in real-time using the **MyWater EWSU mobile app**. You can download it for free on both iOS and Android platforms.

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DON'T GET SCAMMED!



Scammers may call pretending to be with the utility, trying to steal your money or identity. Here are three tips to help protect you from utility scams.

- **Protect your personal information.** Never give personal or financial information over the phone or online without verifying the initiator is from your utility.
- **Schedule utility appointments.** Be suspicious of anyone at your door asking for payment or access to your home to check utilities, unless you have scheduled an appointment or reported a problem.
- **Stay updated.** Visit Utilities United Against Scams (www.UtilitiesUnited.org) to learn more about common utility scams and how you can avoid being taken advantage of.

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Did you know?

It takes about **two minutes** for a **raindrop** to fall from the sky to the ground.

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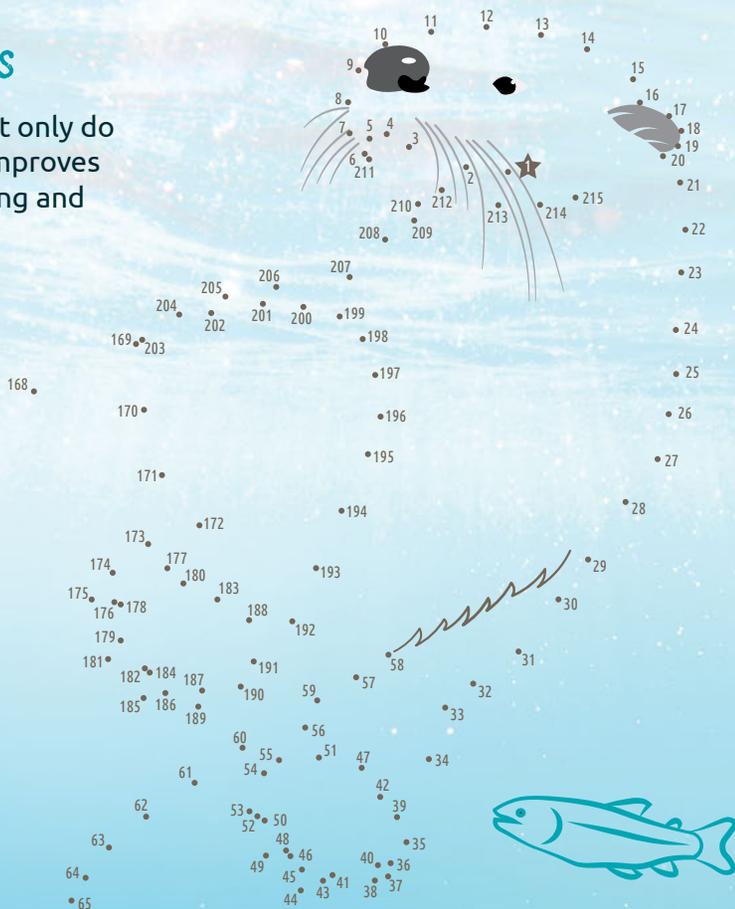
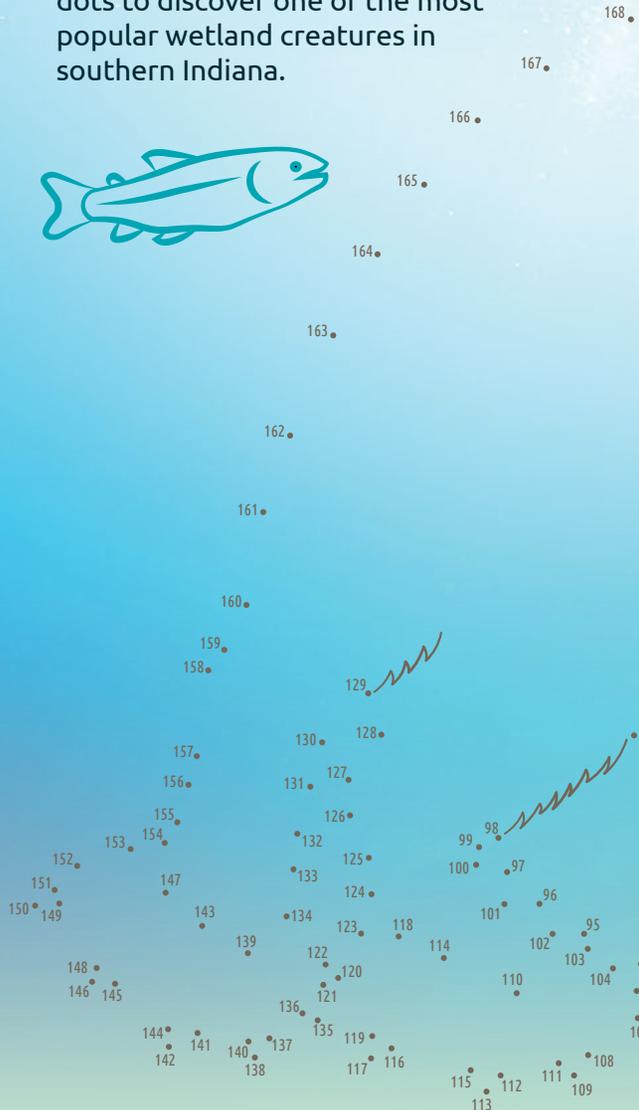


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Wetland Creature Clues

Protecting our wetlands is important. Not only do they provide a natural buffer zone that improves water quality and protects against flooding and shoreline erosion, they also are home to numerous microbes, plants and animals.

Use the clues below and connect the dots to discover one of the most popular wetland creatures in southern Indiana.



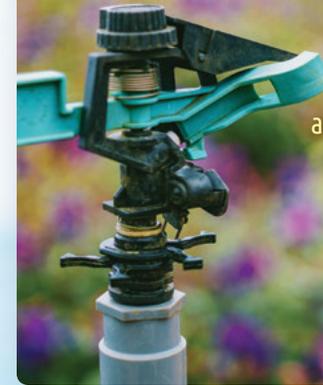
I'm an excellent swimmer, and I have big webbed feet and a long tail.

My favorite food is fish.

You can find me in rivers, streams and lakes bordered by wetlands.

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July: Smart Irrigation Month



July is Smart Irrigation Month. To celebrate, consider learning more about automatic watering or sprinkler systems. Not only do they help keep your yard and garden looking beautiful, they are also a great way to minimize water waste.

Welcome to Construction Corner, where you'll find news and updates on EWSU projects.

Current Projects

- Lodge Ave. Water Main Improvements (Expected to be complete in 6/19)
- Washington Ave. & SE Second St. Water Main Relocation (5/19 – 11/19)
- Presidents Neighborhood Water Main Replacement (6/19 – Spring 2020)

Future Projects

- First Ave. Water Main Replacement, Morgan to Colonial (Expected start: 8/2019)
- Broadway Ave. Water Main Replacement, Red Bank to Schutte (Expected start: 9/2019)

Learn more about these projects:

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