

KEEP YOUR WATERWAYS CLEAN – NO DUMPING TO STORMWATER INLETS



Your community is designated by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection as an MS4 – Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System which must maintain an NPDES Permit (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) for the discharge of stormwater to local waterways. The primary goal of this program is to improve stormwater runoff quality, which impacts streams and rivers in the community.

One thing that the public can do to help prevent Stormwater Pollution is to **never** dump pollutants into a storm sewer inlet, drainage ditch or basin. This includes paint, chemicals, detergents or petroleum products, as well as grass clippings and leaves. These facilities drain directly to the local streams and dumping anything other than stormwater causes pollution that is harmful to the aquatic life and pollutes the waters which are used for recreation and water supplies.

Waste materials which are no longer needed can be safely disposed of in several ways. Paints containers can be opened to allow the paint to dry out or can be solidified using cat litter. Many communities have hazardous waste collection programs where materials can be dropped off for recycling or proper disposal. Major automotive service centers will recycle used motor oil. Mulching of grass clippings, or composting clippings and leaves, allows the materials to be utilized as a natural fertilizer.

This information is provided as part of the municipal MS4 program. Additional information concerning improving stormwater runoff can be found on the PA Department of Environmental Protection or your local municipal web site.