

Solutions To Stormwater Pollution

Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides

- Do a soil test to see if you need fertilizer.
- Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted.
- Look into alternatives for pesticides.
- Maintain a small lawn & keep the rest of your property or yard in a natural state with trees & other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer.
- If you use fertilizer & pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply it. Make sure you properly store or discard any unused portions.

Properly use & dispose of hazardous products



- Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn & garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze & paints.
- Do not pour any hazardous products down storm drain because storm drains are connected to local water bodies & the water is not treated.
- If you have hazardous products in your home or workplace, make sure you store or dispose of them properly. Read the label for guidance.
- Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible.
- Recycle used motor oil.
- Contact your municipality, county or facility management office for the locations of hazardous waste disposal facilities.

Keep pollution out of storm drains

- Municipalities & many other public agencies are required to mark certain storm drain inlets with messages reminding people that storm drains are connected to local water bodies.
- Do not let sewage or other waste flow into a stormwater system.

Clean up after your pet

- Many municipalities & public agencies must enact & enforce local pet-waste rules.
- An example is requiring pet owners or their keepers to pick up & properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property.
- Make sure you know your town's or agency's requirements & comply with them. It's the law & remember to:
- Use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up wastes.
- Dispose of the wrapped pet waste in the trash or un-wrapped in a toilet.
- Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.



Don't feed wildlife

- Do not feed wildlife, such as ducks & geese in public areas.
- Many municipalities & other public agencies must enact & enforce a rule that prohibits wildlife feeding in these areas.

Don't litter

- Place litter in trash receptacles.
- Recycle. Recycle. Recycle.
- Participate in community cleanups.

Dispose of yard waste properly

- Keep leaves & grass out of storm drains.
- If your municipality or agency has yard waste collection rules, follow them.
- Use leaves & grass clippings as a resource for compost.
- Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.



Contact Information

For more information on stormwater related topics, visit www.njstormwater.org or www.nonpointsource.org. Additional information is also available at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Web sites; www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater or www.epa.gov/nps. New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection; (609) 633-7021