

TOWN OF NORWOOD

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT



*Neponset River - Ellis Pond - Plantingfield Brook - Traphole Brook
Hawes Brook - Germany Brook - Purgatory Brook - Meadowbrook*

Under the CLEAN WATER ACT – municipalities throughout the country are mandated to address water pollution from stormwater discharges. Stormwater can be defined as the over land runoff of rain and snow and is the primary water source of wetlands, streams, rivers and lakes. Stormwater can also act as a transportation system for pollutants. Soil from construction sites, litter from parking lots, oil and antifreeze leaking from cars, fertilizers, pesticides and roadway salt can all be carried and deposited untreated into our waterways.

The Town of Norwood's Zoning By-Law has Environmental Protection Requirements for Stormwater Management and Erosion Control to limit runoff from construction sites. DPW conducts street sweeping and collects yard waste. Hazardous Waste Days – like today – are conducted to remove chemicals and other hazardous household materials that could adversely affect our waterways and our own health.

While the Town of Norwood continues working with the EPA and Mass DEP in keeping our waterways pollution free - there are many activities that you as an individuals can do to help us keep one of our greatest natural resources, our water supply, in good health.

LANDSCAPING and GARDENING – Restrict and avoid the use of pesticides, fertilizers and chemicals. If you use fertilizer use a slow release fertilizer and never over fertilize. Do not fertilize prior to forecasted heavy rain. Buy what you need – limit the amount of chemicals that you store on your property and clean up all spills. Compost your yard waste. The Board of Health (781) 762-1240 has compost bins available for sale or you can build your own. Choose native and drought tolerant plants. Water smartly and only as needed.

PET WASTE – Clean up after your pets – it's the law. Pet waste contains nutrients and pathogens that contaminate surface water. The Town of Norwood has a Pet Waste By-Law.

AUTOMOBILES – Regular maintenance can keep automotive anti-freeze and petroleum byproducts from leaking onto roadways and into the waterways. Recycle used oils and antifreeze by taking them to service stations or other recycling centers. Never dump used oil or other chemicals into catch basins or drainage ditches. (One quart of oil can contaminate up to two million gallons of drinking water).

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