



Stormwater Management

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Dear Resident:

The purpose for this letter is to update you regarding the Township's role in keeping our waterways as clean as possible - and how you can do your part to help us.

Did you know that pollutants in stormwater runoff account for about 60 percent of the water pollution problems in the state? Water from rain and melting snow flows over lawns, parking lots, streets and farm fields while picking up pollutants along the way such as antifreeze, fertilizer, pet waste, motor oil, etc. This water, called "runoff," travels along gutters, into catch basins and through storm drainpipes and ditches. It eventually discharges untreated into our streams and other waterways. The good news is that this problem can be managed if we all work together since 100 percent of this pollution is caused by human beings. However, it can be minimized with the help of increased awareness and your participation!

Township Council has adopted a series of ordinances establishing the Township's Stormwater Management Program, including 2021-5. These ordinances adopt the various requirements specified by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and regulate the Stormwater Management practices of the Township as it works in conjunction with the NJDEP. These Stormwater Management ordinances establish a series of requirements for the residents and businesses of the Township. For example, they regulate various conditions for residents and businesses, including prohibiting dumping of any kind into the Township's storm sewers and prohibiting connections of wastewater running from private homes to a storm sewer.

The Township maintains Stormwater Management web page dedicated to stormwater education, and it is recommended that every resident visit this site at <https://tinyurl.com/js6crrub> to learn more. In addition to educational resources, you will find all stormwater-related ordinances that are intended to guide residential participation.

Sincerely,

Mayor Dave Fried