

## WHAT IS STORMWATER POLLUTION?


Water from rain and melting snow that flows over lawns, parking lots and streets is known as stormwater runoff. This water, which travels along gutters, into catch basins and through storm drain pipes and ditches, usually is not treated, but then flows or is discharged into local waterbodies. Along the way, the stormwater picks up trash (fast-food wrappers, cigarette butts, styrofoam cups, etc.) and toxins and other pollutants (gas, motor oil, antifreeze, fertilizers, pesticides and pet droppings). This polluted stormwater can kill fish and other wildlife, destroy wildlife habitat, contaminate drinking water sources and force the closing of beaches because of health threats to swimmers.

Human activity is largely responsible for the stormwater pollution. Everything that we put on the ground or into the storm drain can end up in our water. Each of us has a responsibility to make sure these contaminants stay out of our water. Whether we have clean water is up to you.

### **Stormwater Management**


For information on the Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program, visit the website <http://www.cleanwaterNJ.org/> or view Egg Harbor Township's Stormwater Management Plan at <http://www.ehtgov.org/PDF/StormwaterMgtPlan.pdf>

WHEN YOUR CAR'S LEAKING OIL ON THE STREET, REMEMBER IT'S NOT JUST LEAKING OIL ON THE STREET.




Rain washes pollutants into storm drains and directly into our lakes, rivers and the ocean. So what can you do? Recycle used oil at certified facilities and maintain your vehicle to prevent leaks.

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WHEN YOU'RE FERTILIZING THE LAWN, REMEMBER YOU'RE NOT JUST FERTILIZING THE LAWN.



Rain washes pollutants into storm drains and directly into our lakes, rivers and the ocean. So what can you do? Follow the directions on the fertilizer bag, do not apply before it rains and use only when necessary.

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