



Township of Egg Harbor

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Dear Residents and Business Owners:

In accordance with our NJDEP Tier A Municipal Stormwater General Permit, the Township has adopted various ordinances to regulate the impact of stormwater runoff and pollutants on the environment. As part of our Local Public Education Program, the purpose of this letter is to summarize the requirements and environmental benefits of these ordinances.

Pet Waste: § 97-43 Proper disposal required. All pet owners and keepers are required to immediately and properly dispose of their pet's(s') solid waste deposited on any property, public or private, not owned or possessed by that person. This ordinance protects public health, safety and welfare.

Litter/Improper Disposal of Waste: § 146-2 Littering and dumping in unauthorized locations prohibited. It is unlawful for any person to throw, cast or place any garbage, dry fill, rubbish and refuse or any other type of waste matter on any property and streets, public or private, within the limits of the Township, except in such areas as may be officially designated and licensed for dumping by the State of New Jersey and the County of Atlantic or which may be deposited in public receptacles, authorized private receptacles or in other official sites. This ordinance prevents unsightly and/or unsanitary conditions and/or groundwater pollution.

Wildlife Feeding: § 219-3 Prohibited conduct. No feeding of wildlife, in any public park or on any other property owned or operated by Egg Harbor Township, excluding confined wildlife (for example, wildlife confined in zoos, parks or rehabilitation centers, or unconfined wildlife at environmental education centers, or feral cats as part of an approved trap-neuter-release program). This ordinance protects public health, safety and welfare.

Yard Waste: § 118-8 Separation of materials. All grass clippings, lawn thatching and leafy vegetative waste from lawns, flower beds, shrubs and trees shall be contained in separate, biodegradable paper bags. All leaves shall be placed in biodegradable paper bags designed and manufactured for vegetative waste recycling. The purpose of this ordinance is to keep leaves and grass out of the solid waste flow system.

Illicit Connections: § 195-34 Prohibited conduct. Any physical or nonphysical connection that discharges domestic sewage, non-contact cooling water, process wastewater, or other industrial waste (other than stormwater) to the municipal separate storm sewer system, unless that discharge is authorized under a NJPDES permit other than the Tier A Municipal Stormwater General Permit (NJPDES Permit Number NJG0154342). Nonphysical connections may include, but are not limited to, leaks, flows, or overflows into the municipal separate storm sewer system. The purpose of this ordinance is to protect public health, safety and welfare.

The transport of pollutants into local water bodies can result in the destruction of fish, wildlife and habitats; threats to public health and the loss of recreational and aesthetic value.

We have enacted the above ordinances to protect our environment, and to keep pollutants that are commonly conveyed by stormwater from adversely impacting our waterways and groundwater supplies. These ordinances can be found on the official Egg Harbor Township website at www.ehtgov.org.

On behalf of the Egg Harbor Township Committee, thank you for your continued cooperation with our environmental protection efforts.

Sincerely,

James J. McCullough
Mayor