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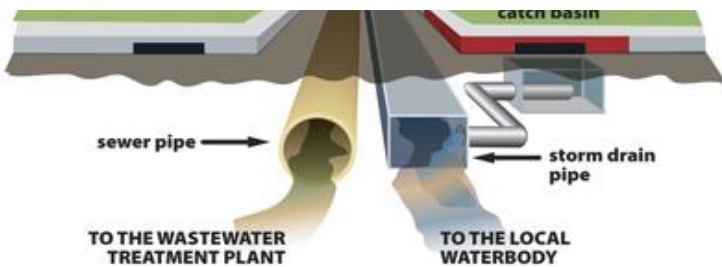
Business Stormwater Management



Stormwater Protection: Only Rain Down the Storm Drain!

Stormwater is rainwater and snowmelt. When stormwater flows across parking lots and streets, it can pick up pollutants that empty directly into our rivers and streams through the storm drains on streets and in parking lots. Pollutants entering these drains flow **untreated** to the water bodies that we use for drinking water, swimming, and fishing.

York Township, along with other York County municipalities, are required by state law to have programs in place to reduce the discharge of pollutants to PA's receiving waters, including streams, rivers, and eventually the Chesapeake Bay.



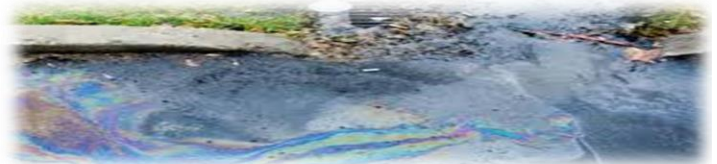
Due to these requirements set by the state, the Township has a section in its Stormwater Management Ordinance devoted to Illicit Discharge which makes it illegal to discharge anything into a storm drain or onto the ground where it may enter a storm drain, except the following:

- Discharges from firefighting activities
- Potable water sources including water line flushing
- Irrigation drainage
- Air conditioning condensate
- Springs
- Water from crawl space pumps
- Pavement wash waters where spills or leaks of toxic or hazardous materials have not occurred (unless all spill material has been removed) and where detergents are not used
- Diverted stream flows
- Flows from riparian habitats and wetlands
- Uncontaminated water from foundations or from footing drains
- Lawn watering
- Uncontaminated groundwater
- Routine external building wash-down (which does not use detergents or other compounds)
- Water discharged in well testing for potable water supplies

In order to inspect a potential illicit discharge in a timely manner, York Township utilizes an **Illicit Discharge Hotline**. The hotline allows the Township to investigate potential illicit discharges into our streams as well as other events adversely affecting water quality.

If residents notice any of the following, they are to immediately notify the Township by calling 717-741-3861 x115:

- Dumping, spills, or other illicit (illegal) discharge into storm sewers or streams
- Sediment leaving a construction site during a rain event
- Observed pollution event or pollutants entering a stream
- Dry weather flows from outfall pipes into streams (a dry weather flow is water observed flowing out of a pipe when there hasn't been any rainfall for a period of 72 hours or more)
- Fish kills
- Water main break



All calls to the hotline result in an inspection by the Township and further action is taken as necessary. Any questions on the Stormwater Management Ordinance or Hotline can be directed to the Township's MS4 Program Coordinator, Molly Cassel, at 717-741-3861 x115 or by e-mail at m.cassel@yorktownship.com.

York Township appreciates the cooperation of the public in helping to reduce the number of pollutants going into our local waterways and enhancing water quality!



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

These contents are informational and summary in nature. For more information, call York Township at (717) 741-3861, or visit our website at <http://www.yorktownship.com/our-township/stormwater/>.