



# Solutions to Stormwater Pollution

Easy Things You Can Do Every Day To Protect Berkeley Township's Waterways

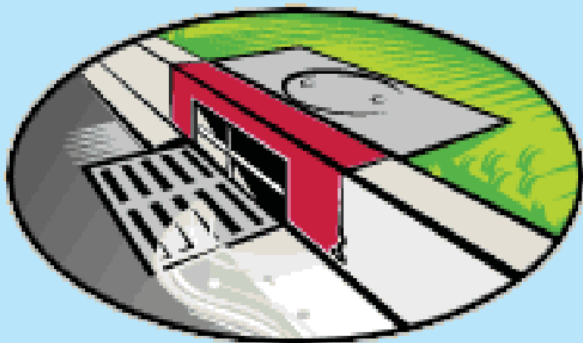
## A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water

**P**ollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies, the ocean and lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, grass clippings: You name it and it ends up in our water.

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that's why we're all doing something about it.

By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up once it's dirty.

As part of Berkeley Township's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet State and Federal requirements, Berkeley Township has adopted ordinances prohibiting various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines or other penalties.



**As a resident, business or other member of the Berkeley Township community, it is important to know these easy things you can do every day to protect our water.**

### **Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides**

- Do a soil test to see if you need fertilizer
- Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted
- Look into alternatives for pesticides
- Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property or yard in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer
- If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply it.

### **Properly use and dispose of hazardous products**

- Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze, and paints.
- Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local water bodies and the water is not treated.
- If you have hazardous products in your home or workplace, make sure you store or dispose of them properly. Read the label for guidance.
- Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible.
- Recycle used motor oil.
- Contact Berkeley Township Public Works for the locations of hazardous-waste disposal facilities.

## Keep pollution out of storm drains

- Berkeley Township Public Works personnel have been marking certain storm drain inlets with messages reminding residents that storm drains are connected to local water bodies.
- Do not let sewage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.

## Clean up after your pet

- Follow Berkeley Township's pet waste ordinance.
- For example, pet owners or their keepers are required to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property.
- Make sure you know Berkeley Township's requirements and comply with them. It's the law.

And remember to:

- o Use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up wastes.
- o Dispose of the wrapped pet waste in the trash or unwrapped in a toilet.
- o Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.

## Don't feed wildlife

- Do not feed wildlife, such as ducks and geese, in public areas.
- Follow Berkeley Township's wildlife feeding ordinance which prohibits wildlife feeding in public areas.



## Don't litter

- Follow Berkeley Township's litter ordinance.
- Place litter in trash receptacles
- Recycle. Recycle. Recycle.
- Participate in community cleanups.

## Dispose of yard waste properly

- Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains.
- Follow Berkeley Township's yard waste collection program, rules and schedule.
- Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost.
- Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.

## Mayor's Message By Carmen F. Amato, Jr.



Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water. Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our waterways. As part of Berkeley Township's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet State and Federal requirements, Berkeley Township had adopted ordinances regulating various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution.

Berkeley Township has adopted a Municipal Stormwater Management Plan and Stormwater Control Ordinances, which regulate development in Berkeley Township and require developers to implement water quality standards in accordance with Federal, State, County and Pinelands regulations.

I am proud to report that Berkeley Township was the first municipality whose Municipal Stormwater Control Plan and Municipal Stormwater Control Ordinances have been approved by the Pinelands Commission, and we are one of a few municipalities whose plan and ordinances were approved by Ocean County.

In addition, there are steps you can take everyday to help prevent Stormwater pollution. Please review this education brochure which describes what you can do to help protect our waterways. Let's all work together to keep Berkeley Township's waters clean and healthy.



For more information on stormwater related topics, visit: [www.njstormwater.org](http://www.njstormwater.org)



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