

Only Rain



In the Drain

**Report any suspicious dumping
to the Township**



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Stormwater Information

Keeping Our Waterways Clean



What Is Stormwater?

Stormwater is any rainfall or snow melt that flows across hard surfaces into stormwater drains or deposits directly into surface water bodies.

What happens?

Because stormwater is not treated, it is likely that pollutants on the ground will make their way into the Brandywine River, Goose Creek and the East Branch of Chester Creek.



Property

- ◆ **Everyday household maintenance can have an enormous impact on our stormwater systems**
- Never fertilize when it's supposed to rain
- Look for green gardening chemicals
- Do not mow your lawn into the street
- Check your sprinklers, don't waste water
- Direct down spouts away from paved surfaces
- Sweep rather than hose driveways and sidewalks
- Purchase a mosquito proof rain barrel
- Dispose household chemicals at one of the County's Household Hazardous Waste events



Auto

- ◆ **4 quarts of motor oil can form an 8 acre slick**
- Use a commercial carwash, they recycle water
- Wash your car on gravel or grass
- Use biodegradable soap
- Dump soap buckets into a sink or toilet
- Fix leaks promptly
- Clean up any fluid spill or leaks with kitty litter
- Use soap sparingly
- Make sure hoses have a trigger nozzle



Winter De-icing

- ◆ **Improper de-icing management can have negative consequences**
- Make snow blowing or shoveling your first choices
- Read the manufacturer's instructions when applying salt
- Reduce salt and chemicals by adding sand
- Use only enough sand to provide traction
- Sweep up excess sand after the storm
- Do not place ice or snow on storm drains



Pets

- ◆ **Pet waste left on sidewalks and lawns is harmful to our waters**
- Clean up after your pets as pet waste contains bacteria, viruses and parasites which use up oxygen in the water and release ammonia
- Ensure that you are cleaning up after your pets on your own property as well as public places
- Use non-toxic and bio-degradable shampoos when washing your pet. Also try to bathe them on a lawn or grass rather than a driveway or other impervious surfaces