

“Have you seen this Fish?”



The Public Works Department has placed “Fish” markers on all drains throughout the Township. **NO DUMPING – DRAINS TO CREEK.** Remember rain and melting snow collect pollutants and wash into storm drains. Many drains empty into our local waterways. Help protect our water and wildlife by servicing your car regularly to prevent oils and other fluids from leaking onto the pavement. Choose water-based paints and wash brushes with water. Bag or compost leaves and minimize the use of toxic substances. Put dog wastes in the toilet or trash can. Keep litter off the street. These simple actions can help keep East Vincent Township’s water and wildlife healthy. For more information on NPDES, go to www.eastvincent.org and click on stormwater. You may also visit www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater.

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A Fact Sheet for Industrial and Commercial Facilities



Federal regulations require municipalities to adopt methods to improve the quality of stormwater runoff. East Vincent Township regulates stormwater management through our Zoning Ordinance and by a permit we maintain with the State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and through the National Pollution and Discharge Elimination System Phase II (NPDES) / Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4).

Your business influences the health of watersheds. Commercial activities contribute to stormwater pollution (such as vehicle washing, landscape fertilization, and improper hazardous waste disposal). At all businesses, workers should know their site, notice where their water runoff goes, and know where their drain inlets go. Good housekeeping practices are required to keep pollutants out of storm drains. They are especially important if the property drains to the sanitary sewer or a combined sewer. Every business should avoid toxic materials as much as possible, store liquids where they cannot be knocked over and consider the best place to conduct specific activities. This brochure explains some best management practices you can use.

Protecting Our Water Quality from Stormwater Runoff



Policy

All facilities should develop a policy on pollution prevention for everyone to follow. Management can provide direction and support for pollution prevention by reviewing this policy with all employees and keeping the policy posted. Keep a spill response plan on site and posted at all times. This should include the steps to be taken, indicating important spill response contact information.

- ◆ Keep rags, damp mops and absorbent pads readily accessible. Dispose of water properly. Train employees as a team to prevent runoff and stormwater pollution. Employees should be trained in pollution prevention techniques, hazardous materials handling and storage, and spill response.

- ◆ Sweep up litter and debris from sidewalks, driveways and parking lots especially around storm drains.

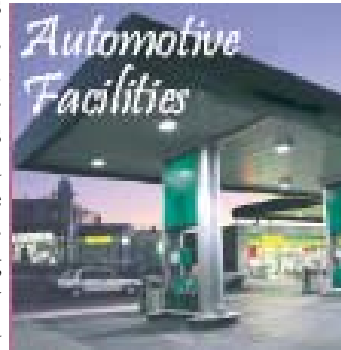
- ◆ Cover grease storage and dumpsters and keep them clean to avoid leaks.

- ◆ Report any chemical spill to a local hazardous waste cleanup team or the fire department. They will know the best way to keep spills from harming the environment.

- ◆ All cleaners and solvents should be stored in proper containers and kept away from rain and melting snow.

Automotive

Automotive fluids like motor oil, fuel, antifreeze, transmission fluids, and degreasers are all toxic and hazardous to the environment. Uncovered fueling stations allow spills to be washed into storm drains.



Cars waiting to be repaired can leak fuel, oil and other harmful fluids that can be picked up by stormwater.



- ◆ Never hose garage floors or driveways into the storm drain system. First, sweep regularly, then contain wash water and properly dispose of it.

- ◆ Clean up spills immediately and properly dispose of cleanup materials. Keep a spill kit appropriate for the materials you use handy and stocked, ready for use. Use absorbent material whenever possible.

- ◆ Maintain fleet vehicles and recycle oil. Install and maintain oil/water separators.

Landscaping

Excess fertilizer and pesticides can wash off and pollute streams.

- ◆ Never rinse fertilizer/pesticide applicators into the drain.

- ◆ Cover piles of dirt or mulch not being used.

- ◆ Prevent soil erosion by planting vegetative buffer strips.

Restaurants

Food waste, grease, cleaning solvents and chemicals, mop water and trash from restaurant operations can be transported in stormwater as rain and snowmelt flow across surfaces.

- ◆ Avoid spilling onto floors or other surfaces. Clean up spills immediately to minimize safety hazards and prevent spills from reaching a storm drain inlet.

- ◆ Regularly inspect and clean out grease traps/interceptors. Always use proper oil and grease recycling receptacles. Never dump oil and grease wastes into storm drains or on parking lots.

Agriculture

- ◆ Keep livestock away from streambanks; provide them a water source away from waterbodies.



- ◆ Store and apply manure away from waterbodies and in accordance with a nutrient management plan.



- ◆ Establish vegetation in riparian areas along waterways.

- ◆ Rotate grazing to prevent soil erosion in fields.

- ◆ Apply fertilizers and pesticides according to label instructions to save money and minimize pollution.

- ◆ Prevent polluted runoff by covering dumpsters and replace leaky ones. Keep the area around dumpsters free of trash. Ensure trash is properly bagged before placing it in the dumpster. Please remember to recycle. Recycling helps save dollars and our environment.