



ILLEGAL DUMPING

West Earl Township has an Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit that requires the Township to implement control measures to protect water quality and reduce pollution. An MS4 is made up of a series of inlets, storm drains, pipes, basins, and outfalls that collect and convey stormwater.

If that stormwater is polluted with trash, landscape waste like grass clippings and leaves, hazardous substances like oil, or other illegal materials, it can increase the cost of treating drinking water, cause harmful algal blooms that can harm aquatic wildlife, create unpleasant conditions with bad smells, and come with expensive fines from state and federal governments.







These are examples of illegal dumping of liquid waste, trash, and grass clippings that will affect local water quality.



This factsheet describes good house-keeping practices to use to minimize the discharge of chemicals, landscape waste, trash, and other illegal pollutants into our local waterways. These techniques will protect water quality and enhance quality of life in the Township.

Keep in Mind

-  Keep streambanks, detention basins, inlets, and parking lots free of trash and other debris like grass clippings and leaves to keep streams and stormwater conveyance systems flowing freely and cleanly.
-  Dumping or storing landscape debris (grass clippings, leaves, soil/dirt) or hazardous items (oils, grease, etc.) in and near streams, inlets, and basins is not allowed and will cause impacts to water quality.
-  Pet waste in or near a stream, inlet, or basin should be cleaned up promptly.
-  If you see something strange (soapy suds or unusually colored water in a local waterway or BMP), or see someone storing or dumping material like leaves, grass clippings, trash, or liquids near or into a local waterway, inlet, or basin, please call the Township at 717-859-3201 and ask for Sara Service.