

What is an MS4 and why should I care???

MS4 stands for "Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems" and is simply the network of grass swales or channels, underground pipes, and anything else in the Borough that carries rainwater and snow melt off your property, out of streets, and eventually into a stream or lake. Keeping the stormwater clean is a challenging water quality issue because runoff is easily contaminated with pesticides from lawns, oil and grease from roads, sediment from construction sites and any other trash lying on the ground.



We must care for stormwater because it is the most common cause of water pollution. By our community making an effort to clean up, we are protecting the environment, wildlife, and the quality of our drinking water.

What can I do to keep stormwater clean???

There are numerous things we can all do on a daily basis to keep pollution out of our stormwater. Below is a list of some of the things we should do:

1. Make sure to never dump anything into storm drains, swales or streams.
2. Pick up litter from the street before it gets into storm drains.
3. Use limited amounts of fertilizer.
4. If you must use pesticides, search for an environment-friendly brand.
5. Recycle motor oil, paint, and other hazardous chemicals.
6. Recycle glass, plastic, and aluminum.
7. Always pick up your pet's waste or harmful bacteria can get into our water!

Contact the Borough if you witness any discharge to storm sewers that is not composed entirely of stormwater.
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For more information see the following links:

<http://www.dep.state.pa.us/>

<http://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/>

