



### **Easy Things You Can Do Everyday to Protect Our Water**

As a resident or business in the Borough of Waldwick, it is important to know these easy reminders to help protect our water:

- Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because our storm drains are connected to local waterbodies.
- Contact the Waldwick Police Department if you find someone dumping toxins into a storm drain.
- Municipalities and many other public agencies are required to mark certain storm drain inlets with messages reminding people that storm drains are connected to local waterbodies, "*The Drain is Just for Rain*".
- Do not let sewage or other waste, flow into a stormwater system.
- Clean up after your pet. Pet owners or their keepers are required to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste on public or private property.
- Wrap pet waste and throw away in the trash or flush it unwrapped in a toilet.
- **Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.**
- Dispose of yard waste properly.
- Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains, and a minimum of 10 feet away.
- From April through October, yard waste is picked up daily from Tuesday through Friday of each week. From October through the end of December, we pick up leaves and yard waste curbside.
- Participate in the voluntary bagged leaf collection and have your leaves picked up every Tuesday from October through December in addition to our normal roadside pick up.

## **A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water**

The pollution on streets, parking lots, and lawns are washed away by rain into storm drains, our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, grass clippings can all end up in our water.

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

By sharing the responsibility and making small 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 it up once it's dirty.

As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful while meeting federal requirements, many municipalities and other public agencies, including colleges and military bases, must adopt ordinances or other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines or other penalties.

### **Contact Information**

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

Additional information is also available at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Web sites [www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater](http://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater) or [www.epa.gov/nps](http://www.epa.gov/nps)

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