

NEVER pour leftover motor oil, anti-freeze, pesticides or herbicides down a storm drain, onto the soil, or on the street. Put the leftover chemicals into a suitable container and take it to a local service station (for oil) or town STOP facility. The town STOP programs can be reached by calling:

Town of North Hempstead 516-767-4600
Town of Hempstead 516-378-2200
Town of Oyster Bay 516-677-5935
City of Long Beach 516-431-1000
City of Glen Cove 516-676-2000

Commercial landscapers are required to file for a license to do business in Nassau County at the Nassau County Office of Consumer Affairs at: **516-571-2600**

For Pesticide Certification from the NYSDEC, contact: NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation: at **631-444-0340**

For a list of DEC facilities permitted for lawn waste receipt call the NYSDEC at: **631-444-0375**

Individuals must be certified as either applicators or technicians and register as a business with the NYSDEC before they can offer or provide the service of pesticide application. Contact a licensed hauler or go to special drop-offs for commercial landscapers for proper lawn chemical disposal.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, VISIT:

Nassau County Department of Public Works:
www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/DPW/stormwater.html

Long Island Study:
www.longislandsoundstudy.net/runoff

New York State Department of Environmental Protection:
www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dow

United States Environmental Protection Agency:
www.epa.gov/nps



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WHAT ELSE CAN I DO?

Consider taking part in Nassau County's EcoZone program. The EcoZone initiatives promote socially responsible corporate citizenry. It brings together the public and private sectors by providing funding for local governments. This funding enables them to implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) in reducing storm water pollutants, thus ensuring long-term preservation of our waterways.



For further information:
www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/DPW/stormwater.html

PREVENTING POLLUTION IS GOOD PUBLIC RELATIONS

Let your customers know what you are doing to minimize storm water pollution. It shows them that you are a good neighbor. Encourage them to do the same.

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WHAT IS STORM WATER?

Storm water is from rain or melted snow that flows over our sidewalks, lawns, streets, driveways etc. and is conveyed through our system of storm drains and pipes to reduce flooding potential. Storm water washes pollutants off these surfaces and carries them to the nearest body of water: our streams, ponds and our north shore bays and ocean beaches. Unlike water that goes into our sanitary sewers from our showers and toilets, storm water and all that it is carrying, never undergoes treatment before discharging to our surrounding water bodies.

WHY SHOULD WE BE CONCERNED ABOUT STORM WATER POLLUTION?

Storm water pollution can harm fish and other aquatic wildlife, kill native vegetation, destroy aquatic habitats, and make recreational areas unsafe and unpleasant. Furthermore, nutrients carried by storm water or released in surface waters through decomposition may cause undesirable algae and vegetative growth.

Substances carried by storm water and considered to be pollutants are:

- Sediments, trash & debris
- Oil, grease, and toxic chemicals
- Pesticides & fertilizers from lawns and gardens
- Viruses, bacteria, and nutrients from pet waste and failing septic systems

WHAT IMPACT DOES MY BUSINESS HAVE ON STORM WATER AND WHAT CAN I DO?

PROPERLY MAINTAIN DUMPSTERS

- Cover dumpsters to prevent insects, animals and rainwater from getting in.
- Keep the area around the dumpster clear of trash and debris and do not overfill it.
- Make sure the clean-out plug has not been removed.
- Call your trash hauler to replace a leaking dumpster.

PICK UP LITTER AND SWEEP PARKING LOTS AND SIDEWALKS

- Litter from shoppers can be reduced by providing and maintaining trash cans and butt collectors. If you see that you have a problem, use signage as a reminder.
- Sweep sidewalks and parking lots on a regular basis. Do not hose down.
- Always use licensed companies for cleaning and rubbish removal.



DO NOT OVER WATER LANDSCAPING SHRUBS AND GRASS

- Do not over irrigate grounds. Excess watering of grass and ornamental shrubs not only weakens them and wastes water, it also sends landscaping chemicals and nutrients down into our storm drains.

DO NOT ALLOW WASH WATER TO RUN OFF PREMISES

- When you must wash windows, sidewalks, floor mats or parking lots, you should not discharge the wash water off of your property.
- Make sure outside contractors have proper disposal permits, and use drop-cloths for painting and sandblasting. Do NOT let wash water enter the street or storm drains.
- Do not dump oily sweepings or liquid waste on the ground, in the street or into a storm drain.
- Even materials that seem harmless, like latex paint, mop water or biodegradable cleaners, can damage the environment.
- Pour mop water into a janitorial or mop sink, do not pour it onto a parking lot, alley, sidewalk or street.
- Contact your town's sanitation department to find out what is acceptable for general trash disposal. For the removal of hazardous chemicals or materials, contact a licensed hauler.