

To arrange for Special Pickups, participate in the residential STOP program, or get additional information on recycling, contact the Sanitation Department for your Town or City.

- **Town of Hempstead** ..... 516-378-2220  
<http://www.townofhempstead.org>:  
go to “Citizen Services” and click on the link for their S.T.O.P. program.
- **Town of North Hempstead**..... 516-767-4600  
<http://www.northhempstead.com>:  
click on “Solid Waste” and follow the links to their S.T.O.P. Program
- **Town of Oyster Bay** ..... 516-677-5935  
<http://www.oysterbaytown.com>:  
their S.T.O.P. program is administered under their Environmental Resources Dept.
- **City of Long Beach** ..... 516-431-1000  
<http://www.longbeachny.org>:  
go to the Town of Hempstead website for S.T.O.P. information.
- **City of Glen Cove**..... 516-676-2000  
<http://www.glen Cove-li.com>

### HOW DO I SPOT AN ILLICIT DISCHARGE OR CONNECTION?

- Look for pipes or hoses that lead to a storm drain or body of water.
- Watch for discolored water, stains, unusual odors and abnormal plant growth in nearby lakes and streams.



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## STORM DRAIN AWARENESS FOR NASSAU COUNTY HOMEOWNERS

If you would like to report someone dumping into or having an illegal connection to the storm sewer system.



**Nassau County Illicit  
Discharge Hotline  
516-571-6863**

**NASSAU COUNTY  
STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

Phone: 516-571-6850 | Fax: 516-571-6858  
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## WHAT IS STORM WATER?

Storm water comes from the precipitation that flows across the ground or pavement when it rains or when snow and ice melt.

The water seeps into the ground or flows into our storm drains. These are the drains that you see at street corners or low points on the sides of your streets.

Storm water runoff is a concern because of the pollutants it may carry as it is conveyed to the nearest body of water, such as a local stream, pond, harbor or the ocean.

## WHY IS STORM WATER POLLUTION A PROBLEM?

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?

### LANDSCAPE AND GARDENING

- Do not over-water. If water flows off your yard onto your driveway or sidewalk, your system is over watering. Periodically inspect and fix leaks and misdirected sprinklers.
- Do not rake or blow leaves or clippings into the street, gutter or storm drain. Instead, dispose of waste by composting or bagging it and placing it with your household waste for pickup.
- Follow directions on pesticides and fertilizers, (measure, do not estimate amounts). Do not use if rain is predicted within 48 hours
- Take unwanted pesticides to a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center to be recycled.

*Rain is natural; storm water isn't. Up to 70% of the pollution in our streams and waterways is carried there by storm water, and about half of the pollution that storm water carries comes from things we do in our yards and gardens!*

### PET CARE

- Always pick up after your pet. Flush waste down the toilet or dispose of it in the trash. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria to wash into the storm drain and eventually into our local waterways.

### POOL MAINTENANCE

- Do not pump your chlorinated pool water into the storm drain. Pool and spa water must be de-chlorinated and be free of excess acid, alkali or color to be allowed in the street, gutter or storm drain.

### HOUSEHOLD ACTIVITIES

- Take items such as used or excess batteries, oven cleaners, automotive fluids, painting products, TVs and computer monitors to a Household Hazardous Waste collection center.

### AUTOMOTIVE

- Take your vehicle to a commercial car wash whenever possible. If you wash your vehicle at home, choose soaps or detergents labeled nontoxic, phosphate free or biodegradable. Vegetable and citrus based products are typically safest for the environment.
- Do not allow wash water from vehicle washing into the street, gutter or storm drain. If possible, wash car on an absorbent surface like your lawn.
- Monitor vehicle for leaks and place a pan under leaks. Keep your vehicles well maintained to stop and prevent leaks
- Never pour oil or antifreeze in the street, gutter or storm drain. Recycle these substances at a service station, a waste oil collection center or used oil recycling center.
- Do not hose down your driveway, sidewalk or patio to the street, gutter or storm drain. Sweep up debris and dispose of it in the trash.