

Pet Waste Pollutes Our Waters

The Governing Body has adopted the regulations to comply with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection concerning Stormwater Management for Disposal of Pet Waste

Clean and plentiful water is important to our families, our environment, our economy and our quality of life.

Did you know that animal waste from pets can pollute our waters? When left on the ground, pet waste is washed by rain and melting snow and ice into storm drains that carry it to our rivers, lakes, the ocean and drinking water.

Animal waste contains a high concentration of nutrients as well as bacteria and disease causing microorganisms that cause problems.

What is required of you?

Pet owners or anyone who takes your pets for walks must properly dispose of the waste by picking it up, wrapping it and either placing it in the trash or flushing it unwrapped down the toilet.

To comply with the recently mandated Stormwater Management Regulations, the Borough of Garwood adopted Ordinance No. 05-20 to enforce local pet-waste laws. The ordinance established requirements for the proper disposal of pet solid waste in the Borough of Garwood so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

The law requires that pet owners or their keepers **immediately and properly** dispose of their pet's solid waste deposited on **any property, public or private not owned or possessed by that person**. People with assistance animals such as Seeing Eye dogs are exempt, while the animal is being used for that purpose.

The Garwood Police Department and Board of Health are the agencies charged with enforcing the law.

Any person violating this law is subject to a fine of up to \$500.

For more information, please contact the following:

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water Quality

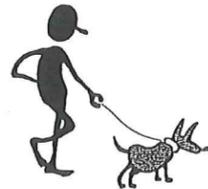
Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control
Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program
(609) 633-7021

Visit www.njstormwater.org or www.nonpointsource.org
Or the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Web sites
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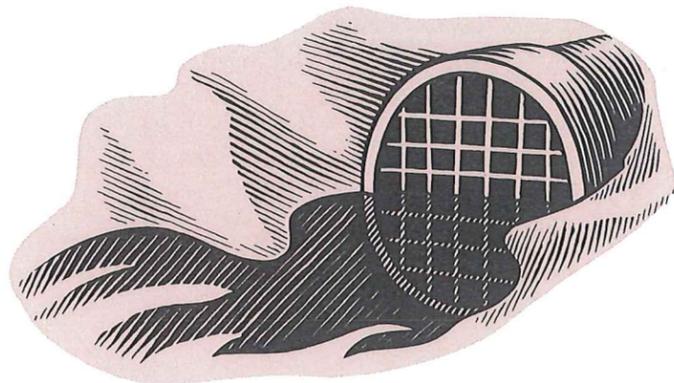
Thank you for
doing your
part to keep
New Jersey's waters clean.

Clean up after your pet It's the Law

- ◆ Use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up wastes.
- ◆ Dispose of the wrapped pet-waste in the trash or unwrapped in a toilet.
- ◆ Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.



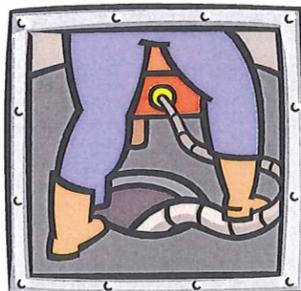
Keep pollution out of storm drains



- ◆ Municipalities are required to change rain inlets that block other substances from entering the storm water sewer system. You may have noticed that several of these newer covers have already been installed.
- ◆ Do not let sewage or other wastes flow into a Stormwater system.

Illicit Connections

◆ It is unlawful to discharge or cause to be discharged through an illicit connection to the municipal separate storm sewer system operated by or in the Borough of Garwood any domestic sewage, non-contact cooling-water, process wastewater, or other industrial waste other than Stormwater.



Improper Disposal of Waste

◆ It is unlawful to spill, dump or dispose of materials other than Stormwater into the municipal separate storm sewer system operated by or in the Borough of Garwood or causing the discharge of pollutants is also unlawful. Some exceptions include uncontaminated ground water from sources such as sump pumps, sidewalk, driveway, street waste water, flows from fire fighting activities, residential car washing water, and residential swimming pool discharges. Please contact the municipal office for a complete list of exceptions.

Don't feed wildlife

- ◆ Do not feed wildlife, such as ducks, geese, birds or squirrels in public areas.
- ◆ It is unlawful to feed any wildlife in any public park or on any other property owned or operated by the borough.



Don't litter

◆ It is unlawful to throw, drop, discard or otherwise place any litter of any nature upon public or private property other than in a litter receptacle, or having done so, allow such litter to remain.

◆ It is unlawful to throw or discard litter or allow litter to fall from a vehicle.

◆ Place litter in trash receptacles.



◆ Recycle. Recycle. Recycle.



◆ Participate in community cleanups.



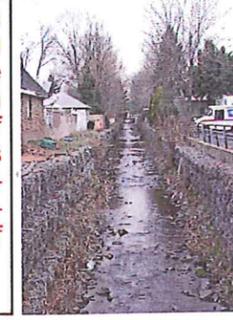
Let's all do our part to keep New Jersey and Garwood clean and litter free. Please report any violations to the Garwood Police Department at 908-789-1500.

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The spilling, dumping, or disposal of materials other than Stormwater to the municipal separate storm sewer system operated by the Borough of Garwood is prohibited. The spilling, dumping, or disposal of materials other than Stormwater in such a manner as to cause the discharge of pollutants to the municipal separate storm sewer system is also prohibited. The Police Department and the Department of Public Works of the Borough of Garwood will enforce this law. Any person(s) who violate the provisions of this law may be subject to a fine up to \$1,500.



It is unlawful to spill, dump, or dispose of materials in the Garwood Brook.

A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water

Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, grass clippings: You name it and it ends up in our water.

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

By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of the Stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of clean up once it's dirty.

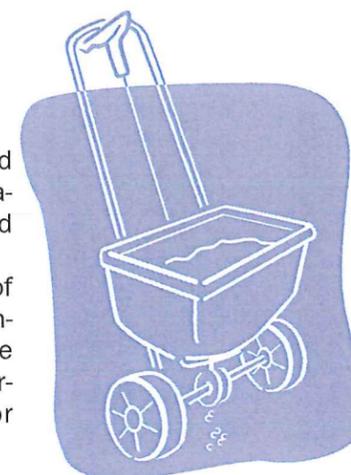
As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, the Borough of Garwood has adopted ordinances prohibiting various activities that contribute to Stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines or other penalties.

To see the completed codified version of the law including penalties, please visit: www.generalcode.com

Click on: E-Codes
New Jersey then Garwood

The Chapters associated with Stormwater Regulations are 58, 99, 106, and 134.

You can request a copy of these ordinances by contacting the office of the Borough Clerk at garwood@garwood.org, or calling 908-789-0710.



As a resident, business, or other members of the New Jersey community, it is important to know these easy things you can do every day to protect our water.

Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides

- ◆ Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer.
- ◆ Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted.
- ◆ Look into alternatives for pesticides.
- ◆ Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property or yard in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer.
- ◆ If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply it.



Make sure you properly store or discard any unused portions.

Properly use and dispose of hazardous products



◆ Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, anti-freeze, and paints.

◆ Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local water bodies and the water is not treated.

◆ If you have hazardous products in your home or workplace, make sure you store or dispose of them properly. Read the label for guidance.

◆ Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible.

◆ Recycle used motor oil.

◆ Contact the County of Union for locations of hazardous-waste disposal facilities at 908-654-9889 or www.ucnj.org/oem

