

~ KEEP FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP'S WATER CLEAN ~

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water. Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed into storm drains or drainage ditches, then directly into our rivers, drinking supplies, lakes and the ocean. It's easy to do your part in keeping pollutants out of stormwater. Here's how:

Clean up after your pet - Pet waste is not only a nuisance; it can be washed into catch basins and streams and can cause sickness if it gets in our water supply. The Township Pet Waste Ordinance (Ord. #806) ensures the proper disposal of pet waste.

Don't litter! – Trash that is thrown into the street is swept downstream in a storm and ends up in our waterways. Township Ordinance #1478 deals with littering.

Properly dispose of hazardous waste – Cleansers, lawn products, motor oil, batteries, and paints are among the many items in your home that contain hazardous ingredients. Dispose of these items at the proper location such as at the Somerset County Recycling Center located at 40 Polhemus Lane in Bridgewater. Chapter 183 of the Township Code (Property Maintenance) covers the proper disposal of waste. **Remember that TVs, computers and other consumer electronics must now be recycled!**

Don't feed wildlife – The feeding of deer, Canada geese or wild turkey creates waste that can be washed into our water supply. Township Ordinance #3254 deals with wildlife feeding.

Properly dispose of yard waste – Don't rake or blow leaves and grass into roadways and storm drains. Public Works collects leaves in brown paper recyclable leaf bags during Mondays in the fall. Chapter 183 of the Township Code (Property Maintenance) covers the proper disposal of yard waste.

Do not illicitly connect to storm sewers – It is illegal and dangerous to discharge domestic sewage or industrial waste into a storm sewer. Chapter 183 of the Township Code (Property Maintenance) deals with illicit connections.

Keep refuse containers / dumpsters covered – Keep all garbage containers covered and prevent them from overflowing and leaking. Township Ordinance #3861-10 deals with refuse containers.

Private storm drain inlet retrofitting – If a business or homeowner’s association is resurfacing or making alterations near drainage structures, they are required to upgrade their inlets to ones with restricted openings. More information and eco-friendly inlet details are available through the Township Engineering Department. Township Ordinance #3862-10 deals with inlet retrofitting.