

How you can help keep pollution out of storm

drains:

As a resident, business, or community member of Stafford Township, it is important to know what you can do everyday to preserve our waters.

Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides:

1. Test soil to ensure a fertilizer is needed and postpone application if heavy rain is expected.
2. Investigate alternatives for pesticides.
3. Maintain a small lawn and preserve the rest of your property in it's natural state with trees and other native vegetation.
4. Apply fertilizers/pesticides as instructed on the label.

Proper use/disposal of hazardous products:

1. Some household/commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze, and paints are hazardous, so never pour hazardous products into a storm drain as they usually connect to local untreated water bodies.
2. Dispose of hazardous products properly by reading the label for guidance.
3. Use natural/less toxic alternatives.
4. Recycle used motor oil.
5. Contact your municipal/county/public agency recycling coordinator for dates and locations of hazardous waste disposal facilities.
6. Never let sewage, oil, or any other waste flow into a storm water system.

Wildlife and Pet Waste Help Them Help Us

Municipalities/public agencies are required to identify storm drain inlets as reminders to residents that the storm drains are connected to local water bodies, so keeping waste, litter and debris out is our responsibility.

Clean up after your pet:

- Obey local pet-waste ordinance.
- Use newspaper, bags, or pooper-scoopers to pick up pet waste.
- Dispose pet waste in trash or unwrapped in toilet.
 - Never dispose of pet waste in a storm drain.

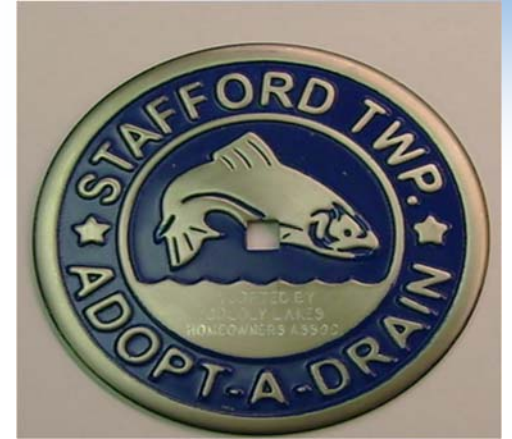
Obey municipal enforcements that prohibits wildlife feedings such as ducks or geese in public areas.

Don't Litter:

- Place litter in trash receptacles
 - Recycle, Recycle, Recycle
- Participate in community clean ups.

Adopt-A-Drain

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Stafford Township Adopt-A-Drain

Storm water management, flooding, and the quality of storm water discharge are concerns that Mayor Myhre, the Township Council, and the Department of Public Works take very seriously.

Adopt-A-Drain is a community program developed by Mayor Myhre, the Township Council, and the Department of Public Works. To enhance the quality of storm water management.

The curriculum for the Adopt-A-Drain program enlists individuals, groups, or associations to adopt, monitor, and record storm drain conditions throughout Stafford Township. All storm drains within the Township have been registered and upon adoption will be labeled by the Stafford Township Public Works Department. Adopt-A-Drain participants will be given guidelines for a simple inspection based on storm drain condition and asked to notify the Department of Public Works at (609) 597-1000 extension 8609 should any problems or concerns be found.

Goals and Objectives:

The intention of this program is to significantly educate, inform, and instruct Township residents on the importance and safety of storm water management. In addition, we strive to reduce the frequency of roadway flooding, decrease the litter and debris entering the storm drains, and diminish contaminants seeping into our drainage systems and waterways.

Enlisting volunteers to monitor storm drain conditions in our Township will supplement the annual inspections conducted by the Department of Public Works.

How do I become an Adopt-A-Drain participant?

Please complete and
return the following
application

**Stafford Township
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Name

Group / Association

Telephone Number