

# Robbinsville

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Stormwater Management

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Dear Resident:

The purpose for this letter is to make you aware of what the township is doing to keep our waterways as clean as possible, and how you can do your part to help.

Did you know that pollutants in stormwater runoff account for about 60% of the water pollution problems in the state? Water from rain and melting snow flows over lawns, parking lots, streets and farm fields, and it picks up pollutants along the way (fertilizer, pet waste, oil, etc.). This water, all called runoff, travels along gutters, into catch basins and through storm drain pipes and ditches, and eventually discharges into our streams and rivers, untreated. The good news is that this pollution problem can be managed if we all work together, because this form of pollution is caused 100% by people, and it can be minimized with awareness and participation.

The Township Council has adopted a series of ordinances establishing the Township's Stormwater Management Program. These ordinances adopt the various requirements specified by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and regulate the Stormwater Management practices of the Township as it works in conjunction with the NJDEP. The Stormwater Management ordinances establish a series of requirements for the residents and businesses of the Township. For example, they regulate various conditions for residents and businesses including prohibiting dumping of any kind into the township's storm sewers and prohibiting connections of waste water running from private homes to a storm sewer.

The Township maintains a web site that is dedicated to stormwater education, and it is recommended that every resident visit this site to learn more.

<http://www.robbinsville-twp.org/environmentalcommission.html>

In addition to educational resources, there you will find all the stormwater related ordinances that are intended to guide residential participation.

Very Truly Yours,



Dave Fried  
Mayor