REPORTING STORMWATER POLLUTION

Keeping our waterways clean and pollution-free!

Stormwater pollution is a detrimental problem to our environment by degrading water quality in the streams, rivers, lakes, and coastal waters. The Environmental Protection Agency and Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection recognize this growing problem and have implemented numerous permits to prevent stormwater pollution. One such permit is the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) that was issued to hundreds of municipalities in Pennsylvania back in 2003.

Prohibited non-stormwater discharges that enter into the storm drain and result in pollution to our waterways are commonly referred to as illicit discharges. Examples of illicit discharges include:

- Fuel and Gasoline
- Automotive oil
- Grease
- Construction runoff (i.e. sediment)
- Soaps and Detergents
- Paint
- Grass clippings
- Sanitary wastewater
- Animal waste
- Household chemicals

According to the MS4 permit there are exemptions to what can drain into the storm sewer system. Examples of non-stormwater discharges which are not considered illicit include:

- Residential car washing without soaps
- Discharges from potable water sources
- Air conditioning condensation
- Irrigation water
- Springs
- Water from crawl space pumps
- Footing and foundation drains
- Lawn watering
- Water line flushing
- Flows from firefighting

Please report any suspect illicit discharges to Whitehall Borough

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