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**STORM WATER GUIDE
WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT STORM WATER POLLUTION?**



What is stormwater runoff?

Stormwater runoff occurs when rain flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces such as driveways, sidewalks, and streets prevent stormwater from soaking into the ground.

Why is stormwater runoff a problem?

Stormwater can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and seep into our underground water supply or flow into the storm basins which lead to the reservoirs.

What are the effects of stormwater pollution?

Polluted stormwater runoff can have many adverse effects. Debris causes blockages in the washes, interfering with the water flow. Stormwater polluted with chemicals (pesticides, insecticides, motor oil, etc.) poisons wildlife and can effect our drinking water sources.

So what can YOU do?

**Here are some Stormwater
Pollution Solutions!**

Landscaping & Yard Care...

Don't overwater your lawn (consider a soaker hose). Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly and substitute safer pest control methods whenever possible. Sweep up yard waste rather than hosing down areas. Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces onto lawns.

Home/Auto Repair & Improvements...

Call Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management @ 732-745-4170 for Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off-Days for hazardous substances such as paint, solvents, cleaners, and motor oil, etc. Sweep up and properly dispose of debris. Repair automotive leaks. Clean up spills with an absorbent substance like kitty litter – don't rinse them away.

Pet Waste...

When walking your pet, remember to pick up the waste and dispose of it properly. Pet waste can be a major source of bacteria in our washes.