



## What is stormwater?

Stormwater is water from rain or melting snow that does not soak into the ground but runs off into waterways. It flows from rooftops, over paved areas and bare soil, and over lawns while picking up a variety of contaminants on its way. Polluted runoff degrades our lakes, rivers, wetlands and other waterways. Polluted stormwater can harm fish and wildlife populations, kill native vegetation, foul drinking water, and make recreational areas unsafe and unpleasant.

## Best Management Practices

BMPs, or Best Management Practices are ways in which we can get involved to reduce stormwater pollution and to manage stormwater runoff.

### Slow it down, Spread it out, Soak it in.

Get involved in conserving our water. Chemung County has clean water, but it is up to us to keep it that way! *Keep our clean waters, clean!*

Find out more at:

<http://www.chemungstormwater.org>  
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## Stormwater and the Workplace



## Dumpsters



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# DUMPSTERS

**Out of sight and out of mind: often dumpsters are stored behind a building and are forgotten about, but it is important to maintain them.** Unmanaged dumpsters can cause wastes to be taken into the storm drains with a rainfall event. This runoff can contain litter, grease, chemicals and other forms of waste that were in the dumpster.



## Stormwater BMPs and Dumpsters

It is important to maintain and manage dumpsters to keep them from adding to the runoff problem.

In order to prevent polluted stormwater runoff coming from dumpsters, make sure to inspect them for leaks and litter regularly.

The waste put in dumpsters should never be liquid due to the risk of it leaking.

Lids on dumpsters should be tight and unyielding in order to keep rain water out of the dumpster. If a lid to a dumpster is broken, replace it immediately.

If a dumpster is kept in a covered area, the pollutants and contaminants are less likely to mix with stormwater runoff.

Place signs to indicate what materials can be put into the dumpsters, it will be easier to minimize the pollution!

Along with keeping dumpsters maintained, loading docks should be cleaned regularly.

It is important to sweep loading dock areas and make sure all litter and waste is in the dumpster properly.

