

Stormwater Facts

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

Chemung County Stormwater Coalition

Stormwater: What is it?



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 lawns while picking up a variety of contaminants on its way.



Polluted Stormwater



Stormwater gathers a variety of pollutants that are mobilized during runoff events. Polluted runoff degrades our lakes, rivers, wetlands and other waterways. Polluted runoff is the number one cause of water pollution in the United States.

BMP's: How you can help!



BMP's or Best Management Practices are ways in which we can get involved to reduce stormwater pollution and to manage stormwater. For more on BMPs, check out the BMP brochures on our website: www.chemungstormwater.org

BMP's

These simple BMP's are easily to do at home, and will help keep our clean waters clean!

- Blow and sweep leaves and grass clippings back onto the lawn to prevent them from flowing into the storm drain with the next storm. A clogged storm drain can result in flooding.
- When walking your pet, clean up! Pet waste can enter into a storm drain with a rainfall event if it is not picked up and disposed of properly.
- Pick up and dispose of litter in the correct way. Litter on the streets and sidewalks can flow with the rain into the drains, creating polluted runoff.
- If you can't get your car to the car wash, then wash your car on the lawn, not in the driveway. Not only does the detergent enter the drain, but the grease, oil and dirt from the car enters it as well. These contaminants do not get treated before entering our rivers, lakes and streams.
- Minimize the usage of pesticides and fertilizers. Only use them according to the manufacturer's label.



About Us

The Chemung County Stormwater Coalition was formed in 2003 to address the Phase II Construction Permit requirements for the MS4's in Chemung County.

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Chemung County Stormwater Coalition

The Coalition has the following goals:

1. The Coalition addresses local, state and federal non point-source pollution issues.
2. Provides information to Chemung County residents to help them understand non point-source pollution issues specific to the watershed and make informed decisions on Stormwater Management.
3. Gathers information to be used to understand and address water quality and quantity problems and erosion and sediment control issues on a watershed basis through Stormwater Management activities.
4. Develop water quality/quantity projects that cross town and county borders and to support other projects initiated at the local level.
5. Supports economically viable Stormwater Management as the true basis for environmentally sound development.

Mission:

The mission of the Coalition is to protect and improve water quality and natural resources in Chemung County with the involvement of citizens and agencies through planning, education, coordination, funding, project implementation and advocating for our water resources through a Stormwater Management Program.

