



# TOWN OF OSSINING

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## ***Stormwater Management Bulletin from the Town of Ossining***

### **Parking Lots**

*In response to Federal and State water quality regulations and requirements, the Town has implemented a Stormwater Management Program.*

*The goal is to control discharges of pollutants to municipal storm drainage systems including, lakes, streams, and the Hudson River. The Town encourages using BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMP's) to effectively eliminate illegal discharges and connections*

*The Storm Drain System was built to collect and transport rain to prevent flooding in urban areas. Anything that flows or is discharged into the storm drain system goes into local lakes, streams and the Hudson River without any treatment.*

*The Sanitary Sewer System collects and transports sanitary wastes from interior building plumbing systems to the wastewater treatment plant where the waste is treated.*

*Best Management Practices (BMP's) are methods and practices such as good housekeeping, spill prevention or treatment measures to prevent or minimize pollutant discharges to municipal storm drain systems.*

***Illicit Discharges or Illicit Connections***  
*Discharges non-storm water to municipal storm drain systems and contributes to water pollution.*

***Urban Runoff*** is rain and other water that passes through and out of developed areas (streets, parking lots, roof tops, etc.) into the storm drain system and eventually into local lakes, streams and

Keeping pollutants out of our storm drain system protects our creeks, streams and the Hudson River. Materials swept, blown or washed into the storm drains end up in these open waters where they degrade water quality and harm aquatic life. In general, wastewater discharged to storm drains is illegal.

In addition to reviewing their own practices, the Town will institute a business education campaign. Information will be provided to businesses owners and large residential facilities in an effort to control potential discharge of pollutants to the storm drain system. *Property and business owners are responsible not only for their own activities, but the activities of their contractors as well.*

Stormwater runoff from parking lots and sidewalk areas can contribute significantly to urban runoff pollution. Automotive fluids, food wastes, grease pesticides, litter, exhaust residue and rubber generated from friction between tires and paved surfaces, as well as landscape wastes are some of the pollutants that can get into the stormwater conveyance system which ultimately flows to the Hudson River.

Owners and operators of parking lots can apply common sense practices to minimize or eliminate their contribution to stormwater pollution. Whether your parking lot holds 5 cars or 1,000 cars, a scheduled maintenance program including repairs, sweeping, stormwater catch basin cleaning and debris removal is needed. Your efforts to maintain your parking lot in as clean a condition as possible, along with the efforts of your fellow business persons, will help in safeguarding our waters from pollutants and unsightly debris.

For further information, or to assist the Town in its efforts, contact **Stormwater Management Coordinator** John Hamilton at (914) 941-8419 or visit the following websites:

<http://www.epa.gov/npdes>

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8468.html>

<http://www.townofossining.com>

<http://www.cwp.org>