



# TOWN OF OSSINING

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

*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

### **Supermarkets, Restaurants, Fast Food Outlets and Grocery Stores**

Businesses selling food products can conduct common sense practices that require modest changes to routine operations or maintenance practices to reduce or eliminate their contribution to stormwater pollution. Follow these Best Management Practices (BMP's) to control pollutant discharges:

**PAVEMENT CLEANING:** Sweep parking lots and other paved areas periodically to remove debris. Dispose of debris in the garbage.

**EQUIPMENT CLEANING:** Discharge wash water to the sanitary sewer only.

**SPILL CLEANUP IN OUTDOOR AREAS:** Have commercial spill containment kits in convenient locations for immediate access.

**GREASE HANDLING AND DISPOSAL:** Store grease in separate covered containers. Recycle.

**WASTE DISPOSAL:** Inspect dumpsters periodically and replace broken or leaking units. Keep dumpsters covered to prevent stormwater from entering the container. Never dispose of food wastes or liquids associates with food wastes in storm drains.

**LITTER CONTROL:** Provide an adequate number of trash receptacles for customers and employees. Pick up litter and other wastes daily from outside areas.

**LANDSCAPING:** Minimize the use of pesticides and fertilizers.

**TRAINING:** Train all employees on what to do in the event of a spill. Designate a person to insure BMP's are followed.

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>