



TOWN OF OSSINING

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Stormwater Management Bulletin from the Town of Ossining

Retail Gas and Diesel Fuel Outlets

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

Of any size are potential sources of stormwater pollution. Areas in retail fueling outlets for fuel dispensing, waste receptacles, vending machines and air / water supply areas can lead to the accumulation of automotive fluids, grease and other waste fluids on the ground. All owners and employees of retail fueling outlets can apply common sense practices to minimize or eliminate their contribution to stormwater pollution.

Best Management Practices

SPOT CLEAN ALL AREAS IMMEDIATELY:

Use dry methods such as rags or absorbent materials to clean up leaks and drips. Leaks are not considered cleaned up until the absorbent is picked up and disposed of properly.

SPILL RESPONSE PLAN: *Maintain and update an acceptable Spill Response Plan.*

TRAINING: *Regularly train all employees on proper methods of handling and disposing of waste. Ensure all employees are familiar with the Spill Response Plan. Educate employees on Best Management Practices (BMP's) and stormwater and wastewater discharge requirements and prohibitions.*

LABELING: *Label all drains within the facility boundaries using paint or stencil, or indicate whether flow is to the storm drain, sewer or oil / water separator.*

INSPECTION: *Annually inspect and clean storm drain inlets and catch basin.*

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>