

## **MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

In compiling this newsletter for the 2009/2010 Fall and Winter seasons, the staff has attempted to include all of the pertinent information about services and activities offered by the Borough. The Borough Office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We invite you to call or stop in with questions or concerns. Please keep this newsletter for future reference concerning dates and times of Borough activities.

Borough meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m. and the public is encouraged to attend. We are always interested in your comments and suggestions and we look forward to seeing you there.

**CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE**  
**Timothy M. Gallagher, RMC, Clerk/Administrator**  
**732-502-4510**  
**avonboro@aol.com**

Please check out our website at [www.avonbytheseanj.com](http://www.avonbytheseanj.com) This is our website and the only "official" one. We would appreciate any comments or suggestions you have as to the content, ease of use, etc.

**BEACH BADGES:** Gift certificates are available in the Borough Office. For the holidays, with each gift certificate purchased, you will receive a souvenir holiday badge. The badges are yours to keep, but you must present the gift certificate in order to obtain you season beach badge. The price for a season badge is \$75.00. Senior Citizen and Teen Badges are \$35.00.

**REMINDER:** You must license your dogs and cats in January of each year. **A current rabies certificate is mandatory.** If the certificate expires before November 1, 2010 you must get your pet re-vaccinated before you can obtain a license.

You may walk your dog on the beach October 1<sup>st</sup> through May 1<sup>st</sup>. Animals are **NOT** permitted on the boardwalk. They must be on a leash and you must clean up after them no matter where you are walking them. This is the law!

**PROJECTS:** The Norwood Ave. Phase I project from Main St. to Third Ave. is in full swing. The project includes new curb and gutters, underground storm water run-off piping and new road resurfacing. This \$420,000 project was partially funded with a \$185,000 NJ DOT grant.

Improvements to the water plant have been completed and included renovations to the settling tank, refurbishing of the filters and a new aerator. In the fall, the Borough will be cleaning approximately 16,000 linear feet of our water mains.

The Riverfront Marina and Park project is progressing. The Borough received \$790,000 in grant funds to purchase the \$800,000 property. The old metal shed has been removed and the two story house is about to be demolished. The Borough has applied for grants to replace the bulkhead and docks, dredge the Marina area, demolish the building and place it in a different location with a 2 story all purpose building and remediate any soil issues.

The Shark River dredging and beach replenishment is underway and is costing the Borough zero dollars.

The Norwood Ave. Phase II project from Third Ave. to Ocean Ave. should begin in the spring. This project includes new curb and gutters, underground storm water piping and new road resurfacing. The borough has received a \$225,000 NJ DOT grant to help offset the cost of the project.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, Jeff Bramhall, Supt., 732-502-4520**  
**E-mail: avondpw@aol.com**

**STREET SWEEPING WILL BE ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 4<sup>TH</sup> WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.** The North and East sides of the street will be swept on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. The South and West sides of the street will be swept on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. The sweeper will start at approximately 6:30 a.m. Please have your vehicle moved to the opposite side of the street on your scheduled day before 6:30 a.m.

**RECYCLING WILL BE ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.**

Your recyclables must be out in the lane or curb in properly marked containers where they are easily seen **SEPARATE FROM TRASH CANS**. Do not put lids on the containers. Newspapers must be tied in bundles. We do not pick up residential cardboard, junk mail or magazines. You may bring cardboard, junk mail and magazines to the recycling center if you wish. We do pick up cardboard from businesses only.

The **recycling drop off center** is located at the Public Works Yard. It is **open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** The **Drop-Off Center is closed on Sundays and holidays**. Things that are accepted: glass bottles, tin cans, plastic bottles, aluminum cans, newspapers, cardboard, junk mail, motor oil (in disposable containers only) and car batteries. This recycling area is for **AVON RESIDENTS ONLY & FOR RECYCLABLES ONLY!**

**Fluorescent Bulbs:** We can no longer accept fluorescent bulbs for disposal. They can be taken to most local home centers like Home Depot. Call the store for more info.

**Paint and hazardous waste:** Paint can only be put out with your regular trash if it is completely dried out and the lids are removed. All other paint and hazardous materials must be taken to the Monmouth County Reclamation Center. Please call 732-922-2234 for appointments and directions.

**NEW ITEM!!!!!! – BEGINNING OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, WE WILL NO LONGER ACCEPT ANY HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES FOR RECYCLING. THEY ARE NO LONGER CONSIDERED HAZARDOUS WASTE AND CAN BE PUT INTO REGULAR TRASH. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT “BUTTON CELL BATTERIES” AS THEY ARE STILL MANUFACTURED WITH MERCURY. YOU CAN CONTINUE TO BRING THOSE UP TO THE BOROUGH OFFICE FOR DISPOSAL.**

**TRASH PICK-UP SCHEDULE:** Trash will be collected twice a week, **Mondays and Thursdays**, throughout the entire town. We ask that you please store or move any unused trashcans. This will help us cut down on the time it takes to check cans for trash at every stop. Please notify contractors that they are responsible to take away any bulk or debris that they generate. This includes, but is not limited to, sheet rock, wood, plaster, plumbing, electrical, carpets, appliances, etc.

**Please note that trash or recycling pick-up may be suspended due to heavy snowstorms. Pick-up will resume as soon as possible. Please shovel out your trashcans after a storm.**

**Holiday Pick-Up:** Thanksgiving - Trash Pick-up will be Wed., Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>  
Christmas – Trash Pick-Up will be Wed., Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>

**ON MONDAY HOLIDAYS, YOUR TRASH WILL BE PICKED UP ON THE FRIDAY BEFORE, AND THE TUESDAY AFTER.**

**ALL GARBAGE MUST BE IN 32 GALLON CANS WITH LIDS, AND NO HEAVIER THAN 50 LBS., PER BOROUGH ORDINANCE!**

**LEAVES:** Only leaves are picked up loose in the street, and only between **October 1<sup>st</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>**. Please put leaves four (4) feet from the curb. All other times of the year, leaves and yard debris are to be either bagged or put in cans and placed where your trash is collected or, if your trash is a walk-in, at the curb no earlier than 24 hours before the scheduled trash day. If you have hired a contractor for your landscaping, please notify them that they are responsible for the removal of all grass, brush, branches and any spring and fall cleaning.

**BRUSH:** Should be cut and tied in four (4) foot lengths and also put out with your trash or at the curb if your trash is a walk-in, no earlier than 24 hours before the scheduled trash day.

**GRASS:** Should be mulched and left on the lawn. We do not pick up grass. Please do not blow grass into the street. If you prefer to dispose of your grass clippings they can be taken to the Monmouth County Reclamation Center, 6000 Asbury Avenue, Tinton Falls, 732-922-2234.

**BULK ITEMS:** Bulk is collected along with your trash. Metal is collected separately. Please call ahead, before you put bulk out, if you will have more than just a few items.

**SNOW REMOVAL:** As per Borough Ordinance Chapter 161, Article IXA, during a snowstorm, do not park on the east and north sides of the streets. Within twenty-four hours of the snow stopping, move your car to the opposite side of the street. Any vehicle parked in violation of this ordinance could be subject to a fine and the vehicle may be towed.

**REFRIGERATORS, FREEZERS, AIR CONDITIONERS:** There is a charge of \$25.00 for any item with freon in it. Check is payable to the Borough of Avon. Once it is received in the Borough Office, they will notify us to pick up the item.

### **AVON RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**Doug Carter, Director (732-502-4517 or [avonrec@optonline.net](mailto:avonrec@optonline.net))**

**Basketball:** Registration fee is \$35 (shirt included). All clinics will commence on Saturday, January 2, 2009 in the Avon Municipal Gym, as follows:

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	Kindergarten (Boys and Girls)
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Grade 1 and 2 Girls
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Grade 1 and 2 Boys

Grades 3 through 8 practices will commence the second week of November in the Avon Municipal Gym. Games will commence in mid December (date to be confirmed). A Coaches' meeting is set for Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Gym Conference Room. Anyone interested in coaching, please plan to attend.

**Fashion Workshop:** A 6-week after school program for Grades K through 8. Classes are scheduled on Monday, November 2, 9, 16, 30 and December 7 and 14 from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. in the Avon Elementary School. Registration fee is \$60 and there is a 30 student maximum.

**Holiday Tree Lighting:** Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> – Puppet Show in the Municipal Gym at 4:00 pm, tree lighting on the front lawn at 5:00 p.m. and a festive reception with hayrides, food, music and a host of fun activities.

**Holiday House Decorating Contest:** Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 5pm – get out those decorations and get busy!

**Santa Comes to Avon:** Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> with the help of the Avon Fire Dept. starting at 5pm

### **AVON LEISURE CITIZENS**

**Weekly Wednesday Socials** in the Municipal Building include your choice of Bingo, Rumikub, join a group for cards, or bring a game. Share refreshments and time with your "Leisure" neighbors. 12:00 noon to 3:30pm, September through May.

**Holiday Luncheon:** Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 noon to 2:30 pm at The Mill at Spring Lake Heights. For more information about the Leisure Citizens, contact Pam Carter at 732-502-4517.

**Recreation needs volunteers to help with set-up/clean-up for our Holiday events. Please contact the Recreation Department if interested.**

**TAX & WATER/SEWER OFFICE, Kerry McGrath, CTC, 732-502-4510**

**E-mail: [avontaxandws@aol.com](mailto:avontaxandws@aol.com)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2009 Taxes** – Grace period was extended to September 11, 2009.

**4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2009 Taxes** will be due November 1<sup>st</sup>. Payment must be received by 11/10/09.

**1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2010 Taxes** will be due February 1<sup>st</sup>. Payment must be received by 2/10/10.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2010 Taxes** will be due May 1<sup>st</sup>. Payment must be received by 5/10/10.

**Water Bills** will be due October 1<sup>st</sup> & December 1<sup>st</sup>. There is a ten (10) day grace period.

**ATTENTION:** Anyone who uses Payment Processing Centers to pay their bills **PLEASE** be sure that you have all the proper information to identify the check, especially the Block and Lot number. We get a lot of checks in with little or no information. If we can't identify it, it will not get properly credited to your account and you risk being charged late fees.

Our Assessor, Timothy Anfusio, has office hours on Monday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. His office is located at 605 Woodland Avenue (at the water plant). His telephone number is 732-502-4510, Ext. 239.

**KARL KLUG, WATER/SEWER SUPERINTENDENT**  
**732-502-4506**

**Things to Remember:**

- Any internal leak, small or large, can add to several gallons of wasted water. Repair all leaks promptly to avoid high bills.
- Road Opening Permits are required anytime road excavations are done. These permits can be obtained from the Borough Office.
- If you experience a sewer back up, please call the water department at 732-502-4506 during normal office hours or the Avon Police at 732-502-4500 after regular hours and holidays, before calling a sewer contractor. We will inspect the borough's main and let you know if a contractor is needed.

**Avon by the Sea Police Department, Chief Terence Mahon**  
**(732) 502-4500, Fax (732) 775-8618**  
**Email: [avonpolice@avonpd.org](mailto:avonpolice@avonpd.org)**

Most of the information provided below is on the [www.avonpd.org](http://www.avonpd.org) website or the <http://www.avonbytheseanj.com> website. I have highlighted a few questions that are frequently asked during the winter months.

1. The town has a reverse calling system. This system enables us to place a recorded message to all telephones that we have on record. If you have not received any of our messages or would like to make sure you are on the list, you may call police headquarters or email us at [avonpolice@avonpd.org](mailto:avonpolice@avonpd.org). We will utilize this system to notify residents of impending storms or other important information that we receive.
2. The speed limit within town is 25 MPH.
3. **Borough Ordinance 161-30** prohibits parking in any lane in the Borough.
4. **Borough Ordinance 123-4**: Construction may occur between the hours of 8 AM through 5 PM on Monday through Saturday. There is no construction permitted on Sundays. Construction is also not permitted on **HOLIDAYS**.
5. **Borough Ordinance 161-10**: The Diagonal Parking places in the first two blocks from the Beachfront will change back to **Parallel Parking on November 15<sup>th</sup>**.
6. **Borough Ordinance 161-26.1**: When snow is expected, please move all vehicles to the south & west sides of the streets until the plows have cleaned out the other sides. Once the other side is clear, you should move your vehicle back so the plows may clean the rest of the streets.
7. **Borough Ordinance 142-16**: It is the responsibility of the Owner or Tenant of a residence to remove the snow from the sidewalks. If the sidewalks are icy, it is the owner/tenant's responsibility to put sand or salt down on the ice.
8. **Borough Ordinance 64-12**: Dogs are not permitted on the boardwalk at anytime. They are permitted on the beach between October 1<sup>st</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>. Dogs must be kept on a leash as well.

It is imperative that you report any suspicious activity to the police department as it is occurring. Calling us at a later date or time puts the department at a real disadvantage. We would rather you call and we investigate to learn that everything is in order, rather than you not call and we find out later that a crime has occurred.

**AVON MUNICIPAL COURT, Alfred J. D'Auria, Municipal Judge**  
**Dorothy Reibrich, Court Administrator, 732-502-4515**

Court sessions are held in the Neptune City Courtroom, 106 W. Sylvania Avenue in Neptune City. The Avon Municipal Court has changed our court sessions to the First and Third Tuesday of each month at 2:30 p.m.

Judge D'Auria would like to remind everyone that **angle parking in most areas in town ends on November 15<sup>th</sup>**. Please remember to **WATCH THE "SIGNS" NOT THE "LINES"**.

Daylight savings time will soon be ending and we have school buses on our local streets before it is light and after dark. Please remember to stop your vehicle until all children are safely on the bus or on the sidewalk. In addition to ensuring the safety of our children, **it's the law**.

**CONSTRUCTION/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE**

The Construction Official is Paul Orlando. The Building Inspector is Charles Gimbel. Mr. Orlando issues the C.O.'s for new construction. Mr. Orlando, Mr. Gimbel and the Plumbing Inspector, Mr. Allen Gaestel are in on Tuesday's & Thursday's between 7:00 a.m. & 8:00 a.m. The Electrical Inspector, Mr. Chet Phillips is in on Tuesday's & Thursday's between 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Our Fire Official is Tony Vecchio. His hours vary weekly. Mr. Vecchio does Certificates of Occupancy for sales and rentals. Mr. Vecchio's phone number is 732-502-4518. Please be advised that all owners or landlords who rent or lease any apartment, cottage, rooms or single family homes, not registered as a Rooming House or Hotel must obtain a Certificate of Occupancy and inspection prior to leasing or renting same. A Certificate of Occupancy is required for ALL winter, summer and year round rentals. All applications may be picked up at the Borough Municipal Building. Failure to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy is punishable by a \$1,250.00 fine and appearance in court. Any questions, please contact Tony Vecchio.

Please call the Borough Office at 732-502-4510 to schedule inspections and to leave messages for any of the inspectors. You may also e-mail at [avonboro@optonline.com](mailto:avonboro@optonline.com)

**AVON PUBLIC LIBRARY**

5<sup>th</sup> & Garfield Aves

Avon-by-the-Sea NJ 07717

732 502-4525

Sheila M. Watson MLS Library Director

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**Winter Hours Begin the Second Monday in September**

**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 12-7**

**Tuesday & Friday 1-5 Saturdays 9-1 (NEW!)**

The Avon Public Library was erected as a gift from Andrew Carnegie in 1916, one of only 17 Carnegie Libraries in New Jersey. The Avon Library has a collection of over 20,000 books, 57 periodical titles for borrowing, best sellers, books on CD, Children's and classic DVDs, with remote and on site access to over 800 academic and Public Libraries in New Jersey through [www.jerseycat.org](http://www.jerseycat.org). Use the State Library's [www.jerseyclicks.org](http://www.jerseyclicks.org) database for full text newspapers, magazines, and student databases, try the 24/7 service [www.qandanj.org](http://www.qandanj.org) for all of your reference questions by connecting to a reference librarian. Use your Avon Public Library barcode number **24050** when you are using these websites from home. Log in to the website [www.search.ebscohost.com](http://www.search.ebscohost.com) enter the id: **avonstudent** and the password: **bythesea** and get full text access to over 2000 periodicals in areas of general interest, business, health, and images. For health issues please visit [healthynj.org](http://healthynj.org). We offer training at the Library in using these services. The Library has high speed internet access for our patrons and we are now a wireless hotspot. We are accessible to the handicapped and offer delivery of books for the homebound.

Beginning October 1.....

Storyhour for 2-3 years Thursdays 10:00-10:30 am  
Storyhour for 4-7 years Wednesdays 3:15-4:00pm  
Please call the library to register for these programs.

**Lane Committee:** The Lane Committee continues to meet quarterly and to bring attention to officials and our public works department any unsightly or unsafe issues in our lanes or streets. The Lane Committee members also look for any conditions that may be violations of town ordinances relating to but not limited to trash and beautification and refers these issues to town officials for appropriate action.

### **FLOODS HAPPEN ANYTIME, ANYWHERE**

**Flood Hazard:** Avon-By-The-Sea is subject to serious flooding conditions from the ocean and the Shark River during hurricanes and other high-tide storms. Detailed flood insurance maps showing the 100-year flood plain in which we are located are on file for your inspection at the Borough Office, 301 Main Street. An extensive collection of flood-related materials are available on loan from the library. In addition, many free publications may be obtained.

**Flood Warning:** The municipal siren system will be used during a major emergency. Listen for the alert signal (steady) for 3 minutes. The same alert for storm or flood warning will be sounded. For information on weather advisories, listen to the Cable Weather Channel #61 or 62, Cable Channel #12, Cable Channel #34 or turn your radio to WJLK 94.3 FM and WCVU 107.1 FM.

For information and advisories during the emergency, please call the following telephone numbers of the Office of Emergency Management: **732-502-4510, 732-502-4511, 732-502-4512 and 732-502-4522.** Please **DO NOT** call Police Headquarters for information, **ONLY FOR EMERGENCIES.**

The evacuation route will be Ocean Avenue to Sylvania Avenue then west to Route 35 in Neptune City.

**Flood Safety:** The safety of your family is of the utmost importance! To be well informed about an approaching storm, keep a battery-powered radio tuned to a local station, as listed above and follow all emergency instructions. **IF EVACUATION IS ORDERED, DO SO IMMEDIATELY; DON'T WAIT!** In the event of a storm warning or advisory, immediately bring outdoor furniture and other possessions inside or tie them down securely. Be sure you have a full tank of gasoline and stock the car with nonperishable canned goods, with a can opener, a container of water, a first aid kit and any special medication needed by the family. If time permits, turn off the main power switch and shut off the main gas valve.

**Flood Insurance:** Your homeowner's insurance policy does **NOT** cover losses due to flooding. Avon-By-The-Sea has participated in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) since its inception and flood insurance is available for almost any enclosed building and its contents.

Maximum insurance on a one-family dwelling is \$250,000 and \$100,000 for household contents. Non-residential and business property is also eligible for insurance in various amounts.

Flood insurance is mandatory if the building is subject to any federally guaranteed financing and reduced rates are available depending on your lowest floor elevation above mean sea level, plus a variety of deductible amounts. **We urge you to inquire about flood insurance coverage from your insurance agent. A waiting period of 30 days may apply.**

**Property Protection:** Since parts of Avon are in the Special Flood Hazard Zone, you should be aware that the question is not if we will have a flood, but when, how often and how deep. There are various techniques that can be used to flood proof existing structures and thereby reduce or eliminate the potential of future flood damage. If you are contemplating any construction, you must contact the Code Enforcement office to determine what special land use and building regulations are in effect to comply with federal flood standards. This information is available to anyone without cost.

**Development Permits:** All new construction and renovation projects are required to have local permits and depending on the type and location of a project, various state permits may be required also. Always check with local code enforcement officials, a local engineer, or land surveyor, before purchasing property in Avon to determine what special regulations are in effect relating to the location in the Special Flood Hazard Zone. If you observe any apparent illegal construction, please notify the Avon Code Enforcement division for their investigation.

**Drainage System Maintenance:** The Avon Department of Public Works maintains the drainage system by regular cleaning of the catch basins in the Borough. If you observe a catch basin that does not appear to drain properly, please report it to Public Works at 502-4520. In addition, the Borough has ordinances prohibiting the placement in any gutter, or any other drainage way, anything that would block the flow of water and cause flooding. This includes debris, litter or vegetative waste, including grass clippings and leaves.

**Clean Streets and Clean Beaches Mean Clean Water:** 1. Remove all litter from the beach, including cigarette butts, before you leave so it will not end up in the ocean. 2. Pets are not allowed on the boardwalk at anytime. You may walk your dogs on the beach between October 1<sup>st</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>. Pet owners must obey the "Pooper Scooper" law by cleaning up pet waste and putting it in the trash. Pet waste that remains on the ground washes into the river and ocean where we all swim! 3. Litter, pesticides, fertilizers, oil and anti-freeze all pollute and kill. Dispose of them properly, never in the street.

**This concludes our Fall/Winter newsletter. The Board of Commissioners and Employees of the Borough of Avon, wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe holiday season.**

# Solutions to Stormwater Pollution

## *Easy Things You Can Do Every Day To Protect Our Water*

### **A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water**

**P**ollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, grass clippings: You name it and it ends up in our water.

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that's why we're all doing something about it.

By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up once it's dirty.

As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, many municipalities and other public agencies including colleges and military bases must adopt ordinances or other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines or other penalties.



**As a resident, business, or other member of the New Jersey community, it is important to know these easy things you can do every day to protect our water.**

### **Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides**

- Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer.
- Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted.
- Look into alternatives for pesticides.
- Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property or yard in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer.
- If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply it.



Make sure you properly store or discard any unused portions.

### **Properly use and dispose of hazardous products**

- Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze, and paints.
- Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local waterbodies and the water is not treated.

■ If you have hazardous products in your home or workplace, make sure you store or dispose of them properly. Read the label for guidance.

- Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible.
- Recycle used motor oil.
- Contact your municipality, county or facility management office for the locations of hazardous-waste disposal facilities.



## Keep pollution out of storm drains

- Municipalities and many other public agencies are required to mark certain storm drain inlets with messages reminding people that storm drains are connected to local waterbodies.
- Do not let sewage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.

## Clean up after your pet

- Many municipalities and public agencies must enact and enforce local pet-waste rules.
- An example is requiring pet owners or their keepers to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property.
- Make sure you know your town's or agency's requirements and comply with them. It's the law. And remember to:

- Use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up wastes.
- Dispose of the wrapped pet waste in the trash or unwrapped in a toilet.
- Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.

## Don't feed wildlife

- Do not feed wildlife, such as ducks and geese, in public areas.
- Many municipalities and other public agencies must enact and enforce a rule that prohibits wildlife feeding in these areas.



## Dispose of yard waste properly

- Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains.
- If your municipality or agency has yard waste collection rules, follow them.
- Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost.
- Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.

## Don't litter

- Place litter in trash receptacles.
- Recycle. Recycle. Recycle.
- Participate in community cleanups.



## Contact information

For more information on stormwater related topics, visit [www.njstormwater.org](http://www.njstormwater.org) or [www.nonpointsource.org](http://www.nonpointsource.org)

Additional information is also available at U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Web sites [www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater](http://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater) or [www.epa.gov/nps](http://www.epa.gov/nps)

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection  
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Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control  
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