

## What is MS4?

- Stormwater runoff from snowmelt or rain can pick up pollutants such as motor oil, lawn chemicals, and pet waste before entering streams untreated.
- Large amounts of untreated water entering the storm sewer system, and eventually our streams, has lasting health, safety, environmental and economic impacts on our community.
- Polluted stormwater runoff is commonly transported through **Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s)**, where it is often discharged untreated into local waterbodies.
- To prevent harmful pollutants from being washed or dumped into the stormwater system, Maidencreek Township was required to obtain an NPDES permit from the PA Department of Environmental Protection and develop a stormwater management program.
- The township has developed a **Public Education and Outreach Plan** as well as a **Public Involvement and Participation Plan** to help share the significance of keeping stormwater clean and preventing pollution in our streams.

Below you will find some public outreach resources regarding stormwater, source water protection, and MS4.

## What Can You Do?



- Dispose of motor oil at a garage that will recycle it. Never pour oil on the ground or in a storm drain in the street.
- Pump out your septic system every two or three years.
- Bring household hazardous waste like oil-based paint, varnish, chemicals, and pesticides to the Berks County Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Days. Check their website for the next scheduled day.
- Minimize the use of pesticides and herbicides on your lawn and gardens.
- Do not dump swimming pool water into a creek or storm drain at the end of the season. Wait until the chlorine diminishes, then direct pool water into grass, woodland, or other natural areas.
- Remember - anything you throw or store on the ground can find its way

into the water supply. Store and handle chemicals properly.

**NOTHING IN THE DRAIN BUT RAIN!  
REPORT ILLEGAL DISCHARGE TO THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE AT  
610-926-4920**

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