

Best Management Practices for Trash and Septic Systems

- ❖ **Limit material exposure to rain/runoff**
 - Keep dumpsters/trash receptacles closed, store containers under cover, and cover stockpiled materials
 - Remove litter and use absorbent materials to absorb oils
 - Do not dispose of containers of wet paint

- ❖ **Proper disposal of pet waste**
 - When burying pet waste, it should be buried at least five inches below the surface and away from water bodies and gardens
 - Post signage in areas frequented by pet owners that reminds the owner to clean up their pet waste
 - Adopt regulations that require pet owners to carry waste bags or scoops whenever they leave their property with their pet
 - Install pet waste stations in community parks/dog parks

- ❖ **Septic System Maintenance**
 - Adhere to scheduled maintenance plan for the system
 - Ensure aerator is functioning properly
 - Do not put hazardous chemicals into the system



STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION GUIDANCE FOR HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATIONS

Everyday *Best Management Practices*

Purpose.

Storm water runoff is collected in the Town's storm water drainage system and is released – untreated – into the local waterways. Pollutants that are discharged onto the ground are transported into the storm water system by rain and surface runoff. These contaminants eventually end up in our local waterways and degrade our drinking water supply. The Best Management Practices that follow are designed to reduce the discharge of contaminants into the Town's storm water drainage system.

Best Management Practices for the Storage, Use, and Disposal of Household Chemicals

- ❖ **Household Chemical Use**
 - Encourage the use of biodegradable cleaning products
 - Alternative, homemade cleaning products are less harmful, and can often be recycled
- ❖ **Household Chemical Storage**
 - Cover piles of chemicals that come in contact with rainfall/runoff
 - Inspect containers that store volatile chemicals
 - Clearly label containers and include proper storage/disposal procedures
- ❖ **Household Chemical Disposal**
 - Follow manufacturer's recommendations for disposal
 - Participate in household hazardous waste collection days
 - Recycle household chemicals – especially used oil and batteries
- ❖ **Responsible Car Washing Practices**
 - Utilize commercial facilities
 - Wash cars less frequently
 - Utilize low-phosphate detergents

Best Management Practices for Lawn, Garden, and Landscaping Activities

- ❖ **Watering**
 - Overwatering promotes excessive growth and humid, disease-prone conditions
 - Water to a depth of 6 inches without causing runoff
 - Water in the morning and use mulch to prevent evaporation
- ❖ **Fertilization**
 - Conduct soil tests for pH, fertility, compaction, texture, and earthworm content every 1 – 3 years
 - Aerate soil in order to improve flow of air, water, and nutrients to the soil
 - Utilize organic, slow release fertilizers
 - Apply at or below the rates prescribed
- ❖ **Application of Pesticides**
 - Utilize biopesticides to reduce toxicity
 - Minimize runoff and do not spray near water sources
- ❖ **Disposal of Yard Waste**
 - Utilize mulching mowers and compost yard waste to conserve landfill space
 - Re-apply to lawn to add nutrients