

Dear Residents and Business Owners:

In accordance with the Township's Tier A Municipal Stormwater General Permit, the Governing Body has adopted various Ordinances to regulate the impact of stormwater and pollutants on the environment. As part of our required Local Public Education Program, we are sending this letter to you annually to highlight the requirements and environmental benefits of these Ordinances. The following describes the Ordinances in our Municipal Code:

1. **Pet Waste**: This Ordinance requires all pet owners to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or private property. This requirement prevents fecal contamination from impacting our local waterways. (Chapter 303)
2. **Litter**: This Ordinance states that it is unlawful to throw, drop, discard or otherwise place litter of any nature on any public or private property, other than a litter receptacle. This requirement has been adopted to prevent all types of litter from cluttering public streets and private property and prevents litter from impacting our waterways. (Chapter 303)
3. **Improper Disposal of Waste**: This Ordinance states that it is illegal to dispose of waste in any place other than a proper solid waste storage container. The purpose of this Ordinance is to prevent unsanitary conditions and groundwater pollution. (Chapter 303)
4. **Wildlife Feeding**: Feeding of waterfowl on municipal park land or property is prohibited by Ordinance. The purpose of this Ordinance is to reduce waterfowl population in response to health concerns regarding bacteria from fecal matter which is harmful to humans' and fish populations. (Chapter 303)
5. **Yard Waste**: This Ordinance has been created to establish a system for the placement and collection of leaves, brush, and other yard wastes. The purpose of the Ordinance is to keep leaves, grass and other yard waste out of the stormwater inlets and piping, and ultimately out of our waterways. (Chapter 303)
6. **Illicit Connections**: It is unlawful to connect any pipe or discharge to the municipal storm sewer system that is intended to discard, spill or dump any substance other than stormwater or groundwater (via sump discharge) into the system. The purpose of this Ordinance is to prevent contamination of our streams and waterways which receive discharge from our storm sewers. (Chapter 303)
7. **Private Storm Drain Inlet Retrofitting Ordinance**: The retrofitting of existing storm drain inlets which are in direct contact with repaving, repairing, reconstruction, or resurfacing or alterations of facilities on private property, to prevent the discharge of solids and floatables (such as plastic bottles, cans, food wrappers and other litter) to the municipal separate storm sewer system(s) (Chapter 303)

The transport of pollutants into local streams and water bodies can result in the destruction of fish, wildlife, and habitats; threats to public health and the loss of recreational and aesthetic value.

The Governing Body has enacted the above listed Ordinances to protect our environment, and to keep pollutants that are commonly conveyed by stormwater from adversely impacting our waterways and groundwater supplies. These ordinances can be found in the above noted Chapters of the Municipal Code of the Township of Delran or on the official Township website, www.delrantownship.org. All information regarding the New Jersey's Stormwater program requirements can be found at www.cleanwater.nj.org.

Together we can make a difference!
Ken Paris, Mayor