

TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE

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Dear Residents and Business Owners:

In accordance with our Tier A Municipal Stormwater General Permit, the Township has adopted ordinances to regulate the impact of stormwater runoff and pollutants on the environment. As part of our Local Public Education program, the purpose of this letter is to highlight the requirements and environmental benefits of the ordinances.

1. **Pet Waste Ordinance:** This ordinance (1392-94) requires pet owners to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property. It prevents contamination of the storm sewer system.
2. **Litter:** This ordinance (1294-91) states that it is unlawful to throw, drop, discard or otherwise place litter of any nature upon any public or private property, other than in a litter receptacle. The purpose of the ordinance is to prevent unsightly and unsanitary conditions and prevent litter from impacting waterways.
3. **Improper Disposal of Waste:** This ordinance (1294-91) states that it is illegal to dispose of waste in any place not specifically designated for the purpose of solid waste storage or disposal. The purpose of the ordinance is to prevent unsanitary conditions and groundwater pollution.
4. **Wildlife Feeding Ordinances:** Feeding of water fowl on municipal park property is prohibited by ordinance 1584-99. The Township enacted the ordinance as a method to reduce water fowl population in response to health concerns regarding bacteria which is harmful to human and fish populations.
5. **Yard Waste Ordinances:** Yard waste is regulated via ordinances 1464-96, 1635-00, 2307-18 and 2380-20 which establish the current zone collection system and the methods of collecting leaves, brush and other yard waste. The purpose of the ordinances is to keep leaves and grass out of the storm sewer system.
6. **Illicit Connection Ordinance:** Per Ordinance 1841-05, it is unlawful to discard, spill or dump any material other than stormwater into the municipal storm sewer system. Further, an illicit connection, which is defined as a system that discharges domestic sewage, process wastewater or pollutants, is prohibited from discharging to the storm sewer system. The purpose of this ordinance is pollution and contamination prevention.
7. **Refuse Container Ordinance:** Per Ordinance 2009-09 dumpsters are required to be covered to prevent spillage, leakage, etc. of waste into the storm sewer system.
8. **Private Storm Drain Inlet Retrofitting Ordinance:** This Ordinance 2010-09 requires private entities to comply with retrofitting requirements in the same manner as the Township. Inlets must be fitted with plates or screens to prevent introduction of trash and physical objects into the storm sewer/waterway systems.

The transport of pollutants into local water bodies can result in the destruction of fish, wildlife and habitats; threats to public health due to contaminated food and drinking water supplies; and losses of recreational and aesthetic values.

The Stormwater Control Ordinance (2379-20) and all ordinances noted above are available on our website.

We have enacted the above ordinances to protect our environment, and to keep common pollutants from impacting a clean and safe water supply.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,

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