Drains to Streams,

Ponds, and Lakes

Storm drains often lead directly to streams, contains contaminates it can easily pollute ponds, and lakes. When the stormwater runoff that enters these storm drains our water resources.

may be picked up by runoff include oil, gas, surface water pollution. Contaminates that water, etc. You can help prevent polluted Stormwater runoff has a major effect on fertilizer, sediment, pet waste, car wash runoff by making some of the simple changes listed below:

- -Properly dispose of used motor oil
- -Don't top off while pumping gas -Fix automotive leaks promptly
 - Don't fertilize before it rains
- -Properly dispose of pet waste Put trash in its place

A good rule of thumb is "If you don't drink it, don't dump it!"

Helpful Definitions

Stormwater Runoff- Rain or snow melt that not composed entirely of stormwater and/or Illicit Discharge- Any discharge or seepage artificial drainage systems or water bodies. falls on impervious surfaces and can pick up contaminates as it travels to natural or to the stormwater drainage system that is uncontaminated ground water.

system and/or is not authorized or permitted primarily conveys illicit discharges into the Illicit Connection- A physical connection to a stormwater drainage system that by the local authority.

Point Source- An outfall from a drainage system that discharges into waters of the state or other public bodies of water.

Stormwater Solutions

plan will improve the way the Town handles the new mandates Killingly has developed a programs administered by the DEEP to deal Stormwater Management Plan (SMP). This storm water in an effort to reduce pollution The EPA has mandated a number of permit with stormwater pollution. To comply with and eliminate illicit discharges.

of stormwater runoff by maintaining a proper management structures, such as rain gardens. encourage our citizens to educate themselves As the Town looks to pay closer attention to The Town is looking to improve the quality our stormwater management practices, we schedule. Other, more complex techniques road sweeping and catch basin cleaning include installing new stormwater and do the same.

ONLY RAIN IN THE DRAIN!! Remember,

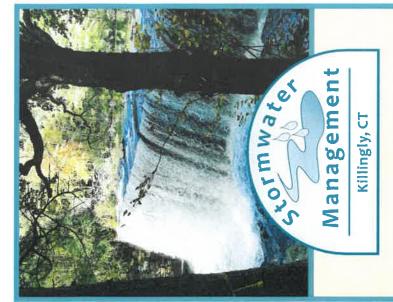
Learn More

protect our lakes and streams, and/or to find more ways to make a difference, visit our For additional information on efforts to website at:

www.killinglyct.gov

Stormwater Management Keyword:





Cleaner Waters! Clean Yards and Streets Make

Contaminates on paved surfaces a plan to help prevent stormwater pollution as part of compliance Permit (Ms4). By learning how and yards can pollute fresh water resources. Killingly has developed with the Municipal Separate easy it is to make a difference, citizens can help protect our streams, ponds, and lakes. Storm Sewer System General

Make a Difference!! Ways that We Can

Clean Up Pet Waste

your own yard as well. public places, but it's important to clean up in people think to clean up after their pets in waterways in the form of pollution. Most bacteria that can make its way to our As pet waste breaks down it releases harmful

Proper Car Care

pollutants that enter the environment from your car run better and will also reduce Keeping your car tuned and leaks fixed helps

vehicle, be on your maintenance performing areas. While parking ways and paved travel

sure to



treatments or water recycling are also a good drains. Car wash facilities that provide water running down the street and into the storm or gravel will help keep the dirty water from fluids immediately. Washing your car on grass de-icer, gas, motor oil, or any other automotive immediately soak up any spills of antifreeze,

RV and Travel Trailer Waste

and travel trailers. proper dump station for RVs It's important to know the location of a

and environmental health and is a danger to public pollutes our waterways storm drain directly on the ground or in a Dumping sewage waste



Practices for Home Owners Best Management Landscaping

can have a large impact on the amount and properties. Rain gardens provide an alternative quality of runoff generated from our The way we landscape and maintain our yards

before rain is not spread fertilizer cover. Do vegetative ground to grass as forecast; rain will



back into the lawn as a natural fertilizer. clippings recycles the nutrients in the clippings watering is recommended. Mulching grass low-phosphorus fertilizers that do not require Using slow-release,

Helpful Home Maintenance

Strategies

down the drain! dispose of them properly. Never dump them with the Town to see when the next hazardous waste collection day is planned, so you can where they cannot spill easily. When you no pumped regularly. Store household chemicals septic system and have your septic tank Have an accurate map to the location of your contaminates from entering our waterways. Caring for your septic system can help prevent longer have a need for these chemicals, check that are considered hazardous in safe places

Keep Pollution Out of Storm Drains

our streams, ponds, and difference in reducing the will make a huge drain system. Taking these small steps pollution that can enter akes from the storm



Connections or Dumping, Report Suspicious Illicit Discharge Also Known as

lots and driveways, will pollution witnessed along the roadside, or in Your involvement in reporting sources of

of our streams, ponds, report include: public heath. Things to and lakes, along with help protect the quality

-Dry weather flow, a storm drain that -Dumping or evidence after any precipitation. shows signs of intermittent flow 72 hours of waste/oil or other vehicle fluids.

-Sewage, as it contains high amounts of -Suds different from natural suds, trailer dumping. systems, improper connections, or travel harmful bacteria due to failing septic created from soaps or other chemicals. These can be very harmful to aquatic life

drains and ditches. Improper connections outletting into

Reports can be made to the Planning and Killingly Town Hall: 860-779-5311 Development Office at the



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