



The Town Crier

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Our Twenty-Fifth Year!

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Borough Hall Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 9 am – 4 pm
Tuesday Eve 5 – 8 pm
Friday 9 - Noon



Annual Tree Lighting
Thursday, December 1
7 p.m.
Lucas Park

Rain Date: December 12

Happy Holidays from



*Annual Christmas Tree
Lighting Set*

Santa to Make Special Appearance!

Mark you calendars! The Borough will host its annual tree lighting at Lucas Park (Foster and Clementon Roads) on Thursday, December 1 at 7 pm. Alexis Stell, Miss Gibbsboro 2011, will be the guest of honor and light the town tree promptly at 7.

The annual event will include seasonal music and the arrival of Santa Claus. Following the arrival of Santa, the Gibbsboro Elementary School will be open for hot chocolate, cookies, and special entertainment supplied by local school children.

Solutions to Stormwater Pollution

Easy Things You Can Do Every Day To Protect Our Water

A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water

Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, grass clippings: You name it and it ends up in our water.

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that's why we're all doing something about it.

By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up once it's dirty.

As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, many municipalities and other public agencies including colleges and military bases must adopt ordinances or other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines or other penalties.



As a resident, business, or other member of the New Jersey community, it is important to know these easy things you can do every day to protect our water.

Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides

- Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer.
- Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted.
- Look into alternatives for pesticides.
- Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property or yard in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer.
- If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply it.



Make sure you properly store or discard any unused portions.

Properly use and dispose of hazardous products

- Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze, and paints.
- Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local waterbodies and the water is not treated.

If you have hazardous products in your home or workplace, make sure you store or dispose of them properly. Read the label for guidance.

Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible.

Recycle used motor oil.

Contact your municipality, county or facility management office for the locations



Clean up after your pet

Many municipalities and public agencies must enact and enforce local pet-waste rules.

An example is requiring pet owners or their keepers to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property.

Make sure you know your town's or agency's requirements and comply with them. It's the law. And remember to:

Use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up wastes.



Dispose of yard waste properly

Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains.

If your municipality or agency has yard waste collection rules, follow them.

Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost. Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.

Don't litter

Place litter in trash receptacles.

Recycle. Recycle. Recycle.

Participate in community cleanups.



Keep pollution out of storm drains

Municipalities and many other public agencies are required to mark certain storm drain inlets with messages reminding people that storm drains are connected to local waterbodies.

Do not let sewage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.

Don't feed wildlife

Do not feed wildlife, such as ducks and geese, in public areas.

Many municipalities and other public agencies must enact and enforce a rule that prohibits wildlife feeding in these areas.

Contact information

For more information on stormwater related topics, visit www.njstormwater.org or www.nonpointsource.org

Additional information is also available at U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Web sites :

www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater or www.epa.gov/nps

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water Quality

Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control

Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program

(609) 633-7021



www.cleanwaternj.org



Dear Residents and Business Owners:

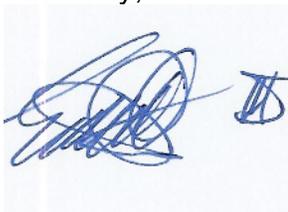
In accordance with the Borough's Tier A Municipal Storm Water General Permit, the Governing Body has adopted various ordinances to regulate the impact of storm water and pollutants on the environment. As part of our required Local Public Education Program, we are sending this letter to you annually to highlight the requirements and environmental benefits of these Ordinances. The following describes the Ordinances in the 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.
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.
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.
4. Wildlife Feeding: Feeding of water fowl on municipal park land or property is prohibited by Ordinance. The purpose of this Ordinance is to reduce water fowl population in response to health concerns regarding bacteria from fecal matter which is harmful to humans and fish populations.
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 storm water inlets and piping, and ultimately out of our waterways.
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 storm water 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.

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 storm water from adversely impacting our waterways and groundwater supplies. These ordinances can be found in the Section 343 of the Municipal Code of the Borough of Gibbsboro or on the official Borough web site www.gibbsboroughtownhall.com .

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Edward G. Campbell, III', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Edward G. Campbell, III
Mayor

Pet Waste Pollutes Our Waters

What You Can Do To Help Protect Our Water

Clean and plentiful water is important to our families, our environment, our economy and our quality of life.

Did you know that animal waste from pets can pollute our waters? When left on the ground, pet waste is washed by rain and melting snow and ice into storm drains that carry it to our rivers, lakes, the ocean and drinking water.

Animal waste contains a high concentration of nutrients as well as bacteria and disease-causing microorganisms that can cause problems.

What you can do

Pet owners or anyone who takes your pet for walks must properly dispose of the waste by picking it up, wrapping it and either placing it in the trash or flushing it unwrapped down the toilet.

Your municipality is required to adopt and enforce local pet-waste laws. At a minimum, your community must require that pet owners or their keepers **immediately and properly** dispose of their pet's solid waste deposited on **any public or private property not owned or possessed by that person**. People with assistance animals such as Seeing Eye dogs are exempt.

Make sure you know what your municipality requires – and follow it.

Thank you for doing your part to keep New Jersey's waters clean.

For more information, please contact the following:

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Jon S. Corzine, Governor
Lisa P. Jackson, Commissioner



Help Spread the Word - NOT the Fertilizer!

The NJ Department of Environmental Protection reminds everyone that as of November 15, residents cannot apply fertilizer to their lawns until next spring. Likewise, commercial applicators of fertilizer have until December 1 to complete their customer service cycle of late Fall fertilization.

Fertilizer cannot be applied onto lawns again until March 1st.

New Jersey's Fertilizer Law is a statewide initiative that was established as a result of the Governor's 10-point action plan to protect and restore Barnegat Bay. It is one of the most stringent fertilizer laws in the country and is designed to reduce the nitrogen and phosphorus loadings that can drain into New Jersey's surface and groundwater resources.

For more information about the new law and what you can do to help, go to www.nj.gov/dep/healthylawnshealthywater .

To learn more about the Governor's 10-point action plan to protect and restore Barnegat Bay, go to www.barnegatbay.nj.gov .

Help spread the word - NOT the fertilizer!

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH FERTILIZERS AND PESTICIDES?

Fertilizers help plants grow by adding nutrients to the soil. Pesticides (including herbicides) are any toxic substances used to kill insects, animals or plants. If fertilizers or pesticides are improperly applied, they can wash off your lawn or garden into storm drains and directly to our lakes, rivers, and the ocean. These chemicals can contaminate your drinking water, as well as kill fish, wildlife and plants. Too much fertilizer washing into a lake can cause algae to bloom in lakes, which will affect swimming, fishing and boating.

www.cleanwaterNJ.org

**2012 DOG - CAT LICENSE APPLICATION
BOROUGH OF GIBBSBORO, COUNTY OF CAMDEN**

1. Enclose check or money order payable to: Borough of Gibbsboro.

Per Dog/Cat (includes State fees)	\$ 17.00
Additional Fees: Non-neutered/Non-spayed Dogs/Cats	\$ 3.00
Late Fee (for payments after Feb 28)	\$ 25.00

2. Enclose current rabies certificate and proof of neutering or spaying.

3. Enclose Veterinarian's certificate stating your dog/cat has been neutered or spayed. If you do not have a certificate, add three dollars (\$3.00) to the cost of the license.

4. Complete and return application to Borough of Gibbsboro, 49 Kirkwood Road, Gibbsboro, NJ 08026 **with certificates for rabies inoculation and evidence of spay/neutering.**

5. If mailing payment, enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

IF PAYING IN PERSON, PLEASE HAVE EXACT CHANGE.

Thank you for your cooperation, and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Borough Hall at (856) 783-6655. Copy and submit for each animal.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

Pet Name: _____ Color and markings: _____

Address at which dog/cat will be kept, if different from above:

Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog	<input type="checkbox"/> Cat	<input type="checkbox"/> Neutered**	<input type="checkbox"/> Spayed**
Sex:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	Breed: _____	Age: _____
Hair:	<input type="checkbox"/> Long	<input type="checkbox"/> Short	<input type="checkbox"/> Medium	

Rabies Inoculation Expires: _____ No. _____ ** (Mandatory)

License Fee:	\$ 17.00
Additional Fees*	\$ _____
Total Amount Enclosed	\$ _____

**Additional Fees: Non-neutered/Non-spayed Dogs Add \$3.00
Late Fee (After February 28) Add \$25.00**

** Enclose Veterinarian's Certificate for spay/neuter and rabies inoculation.

**BOROUGH OF
GIBBSBORO
49 KIRKWOOD ROAD
GIBBSBORO, NJ 08026**

**PRSRT STD
U. S. POSTAGE PAID
CHERRY HILL, NJ
PERMIT NO. 118**

**LOCAL POSTAL PATRON
GIBBSBORO, NJ 08026**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIME	PLACE
DECEMBER				
Thursday	12/1	Annual Tree Lighting	7:00 p.m.	Lucas Park
Monday	12/12	Second Leaf Collection Starts		
Monday	12/12	Senior Citizen's Holiday Dinner	6:30 p.m.	American Legion
Monday	12/12	Annual Tree Lighting (RAIN DATE)	7:00 p.m.	Lucas Park
Tuesday	12/13	Planning Board	8:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
Tuesday	12/13	Gibbsboro Board of Education	8:00 p.m.	Gibbsboro School
Wednesday	12/14	Council	7:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
Monday	12/26	BOROUGH OFFICES CLOSED CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY		
JANUARY				
Monday	1/2	BOROUGH OFFICES CLOSED NEW YEARS DAY HOLIDAY		
Wednesday	1/4	Council – Annual Reorganization Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
Tuesday	1/10	Planning Board	8:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
Tuesday	1/10	Gibbsboro Board of Education	8:00 p.m.	Gibbsboro School
Tuesday	1/24	Zoning Board	8:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
FEBRUARY				
Wednesday	2/8	Council	7:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
Tuesday	2/14	Planning Board	8:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
Tuesday	2/14	Gibbsboro Board of Education	8:00 p.m.	Gibbsboro School
Saturday	2/25	<u>Free Rabies Clinic</u>	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Fire Hall Hilliards Road
Tuesday	2/28	Zoning Board	8:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
Tuesday	2/28	Last Day to Purchase 2012 Dog/Cat Licenses without Late Fee.	4:00 p.m.	Borough Hall