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Spring 2025 Clean-up Event



Special Environmental Issue

This special issue of the ***Town Crier*** is being provided to highlight the activities taken by the Borough of Gibbsboro to comply with state and federal environmental regulations and to highlight our efforts to preserve and protect our many natural resources.

Beyond legislation, we sponsor a ***Community Garden***, clean-up days, sweep our streets, distribute educational posters, and clean our stormwater inlets.

Our ***Community Garden*** provides more than 40 plots for local gardeners, produces fruit and vegetables for senior citizens through an educational plot, hosts a certified monarch garden, produces numerous educational resources to encourage recycling and organic gardening, supports and recycles used pizza boxes within the garden, and manages an adjacent rain garden.

Among the many activities we sponsor are two ***town-wide clean-up days*** where we recruit citizens and regional high school students to assist in cleaning up our streets and open spaces. Students are amazed at how much litter is collected from roads, trails, and parks in just a six-month period - our litter program is both effective and educational!

This year, in cooperation with the Pinelands Alliance, the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC), and Rutgers, we produced our ***third rain garden*** in the Hidden Woods neighborhood.

Please take the time to review the information we are providing.

October 15, 2025

Borough of Gibbsboro

**Established 1714
Incorporated 1924**

Office of the Mayor

49 Kirkwood Road
Gibbsboro, NJ 08026

Subject: Gibbsboro's Tier A Municipal Storm Water Ordinances

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 many of the relevant 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.

7. Privately Owned Salt Storage: This ordinance, required by NJ DEP, regulates the storage of salt on private properties.

8. Flood Damage Prevention: Updates promulgated by NJ DEP have been adopted to chapter 197, Flood Damage Prevention, that will enable property owners to remain eligible for the National Flood Insurance Program.

9. Tree Protection: Updates to Chapter 397, Trees and Shrubs were made to comply with promulgated stormwater management requirements.

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 Municipal Code of the Borough of Gibbsboro at <https://ecode360.com/GI0721> or on the official Borough web site www.gibbsborotownhall.com. Note that the Borough Code is updated annually in the first quarter of the year so check with the Borough Clerk for the most recent updates.

Sincerely,



Edward G. Campbell, III
Mayor



Take Note: Don't Feed the Waterfowl!

Chapter § 96-18 **Feeding prohibited.** It shall be unlawful for any person to feed, cause to be fed, or provide food for wild water fowl or to create any condition or allow any condition to exist which results in a threat to the health, safety or welfare of wild water fowl and migratory water fowl.

Minimum Fine: \$100.

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 of hazardous-waste disposal facilities.



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.

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.



Don't litter

Place litter in trash receptacles.

Recycle. Recycle. Recycle.

Participate in community cleanups.

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 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



STORMWATER POLLUTION: WHAT DO YOU THINK?

- You may think littering is no big deal (it is).
- You may think that whatever runs into the storm drains gets treated before it reaches local rivers and streams (it isn't).
- You may think motor oil and other hazardous materials doesn't harm the water very much (it does).

Pollution seeps into the ground and is carried by stormwater (rain and snow) directly to our drinking water, streams, lakes and oceans. Contaminated stormwater is the #1 cause of water pollution in New Jersey. Simple things, like proper clean-up after oneself and careful use of chemicals in the home, office and yard, are helpful ways for businesses and residents to protect the water.

has ordinances aimed at reducing pollution from litter, fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, animal waste, grass clippings and other debris. For details, see . Thank you for keeping them in mind and doing your share.



**Keep grass, leaves and trash
out of storm drains**



Don't feed wildlife



Clean up after your pet



**Limit use of fertilizers &
pesticides**



**Properly handle hazardous
products**



**NJ DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION**

www.nj.gov/dep/dwg

www.cleanwater.nj.org

Know where your water shut off, electrical fuse box, and sewer cleanouts are located.



PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT PREVENT SEWER BACKUPS IN THE HOME



Most sewer backups in a home are caused by improper disposal of waste into toilets and drains. The following items should **NOT** be discarded into toilets or drains:

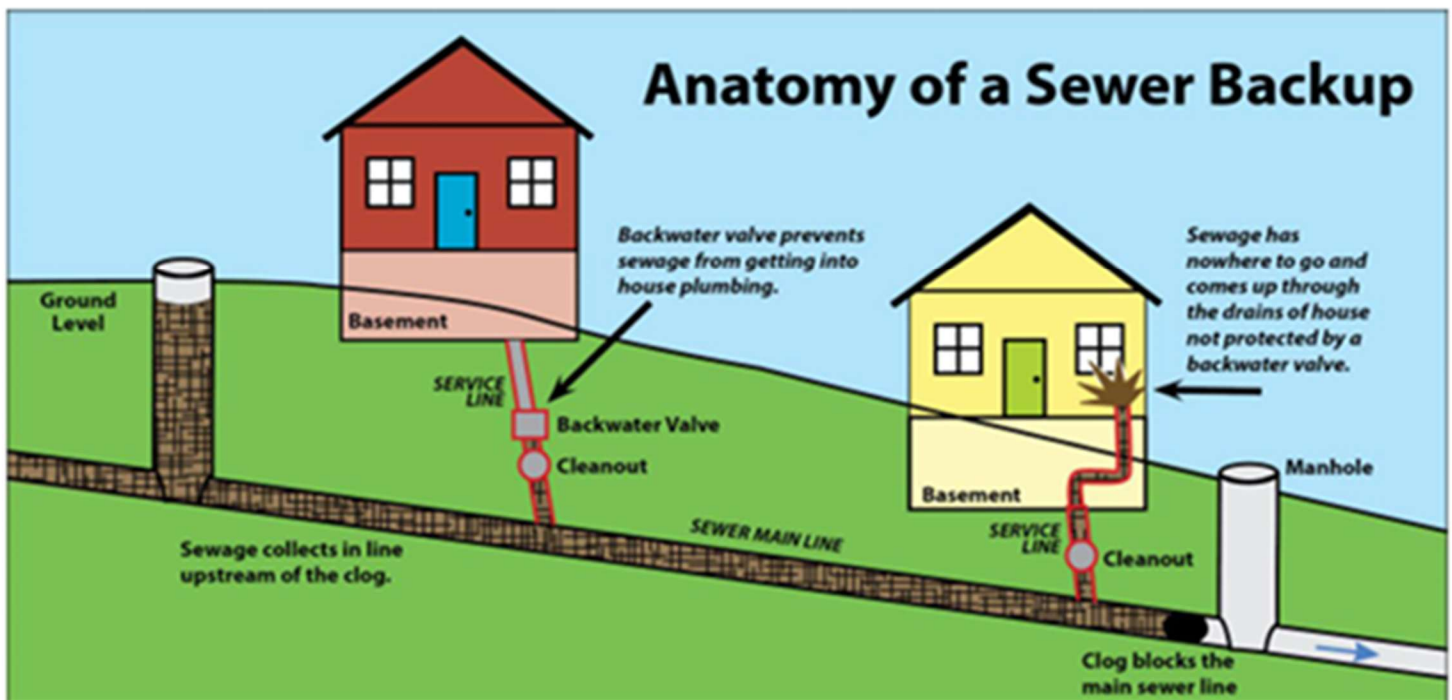
- Fats,
- Oils or Grease from Cooking
- Solid Food Particles
- Diapers
- Baby Wipes
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Paper Towels

To report a sewer blockage, contact Bommer Plumbing at: (856) 776-7394.

These items do not break down in the sewer pipes and will cause backups in homes. The improper disposal of these items will create serious maintenance and health issues for the homeowner and the wastewater collection and treatment systems.

When fats, oils, or grease are poured down a sink, these products will solidify once they have cooled down in the sewer pipes and cause a blockage. If you think running hot water in the sink will help disperse this matter, you're wrong! Hot water may get this matter out of your sink drain, but as soon as the water cools down, these products will solidify in your sewer pipes. This build-up will restrict flow and accumulate in the pipes, which in combination with other materials that shouldn't be flushed, will cause sewerage to back up into a home and often cause blockages in the main sewer system located in the street.

Residents should be aware that some of these products are labeled as 'Flushable' but are only assumed to be. A vast majority of these products do not break down like toilet paper and create problems in households and the collection system, pumping stations, and wastewater treatment facilities.



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PERMIT NO. 118**

**LOCAL POSTAL PATRON
GIBBSBORO, NJ 08026**



**Hidden Woods - Driftwood Way
Rain Garden**



Rain Garden at Freedom Village



**Community Garden Bioswale at
Pole Hill Park**

**Rain Gardens Help Manage
Stormwater**

Gibbsboro now has three (3) rain gardens located at Freedom Village, the Community Garden in Pole Hill Park, and the most recent construction in the Hidden Woods neighborhood. This spring our Environmental Commission and local citizens assisted the professionals in planting the newest garden at Hidden Woods.

Rain gardens help to recycle storm water by collecting rainwater runoff and using it to hydrate selected plants that thrive on the extra water that is channeled into the garden. For more information on rain garden construction contact the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) or the Gibbsboro Environmental Commission.