

Souderton Borough

MS-4 Program

Homeowner Tips

When it rains, stormwater is collected by the Borough's storm sewer system and carried directly to the nearby streams and creeks. It is the Borough's responsibility to monitor the storm sewer system for pollutants. In the case of stormwater, a pollutant is basically anything other than rainwater. Below are 10 simple things identified by the EPA that the typical homeowner and/or business owner can do to help reduce pollutants in rainwater carried to our streams and creeks. By making an effort to keep our rainwater clean you are helping the Borough and the environment.

- Use fertilizers very sparingly and according to manufacturer's recommendations.
- Sweep up driveways and sidewalks: dispose debris properly. Do not sweep into street gutters.
- Never dump anything down storm drains.
- Vegetate bare spots in your yard.
- Compost your yard waste.
- Avoid pesticides; learn about Integrated Pest Management (IPM).
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces.
- Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway-if washing at home, do so on a grassy surface.
- Check your cars for leaks and make necessary repairs; Recycle motor oil.
- Pick up after your pet, even in your own yard-Dispose of droppings in the toilet or trash.

For more information on Stormwater and the prevention of stormwater pollution, go to the Borough's website at: <http://soudertonborough.org/stormwater-management/>