

Did you know:

Local municipalities like New Hartford, Yorkville, New York Mills, Utica, Whitesboro, and Clinton regulate the quality of water that enters the storm drain?

These communities are called MS4s: **M**unicipal **S**eparate **S**torm **S**ewer **S**ystems.

MS4s follow state and federal laws to develop Stormwater Management Plans that include:

- Outreach and Education,
- Storm Drain mapping,
- Construction Site Runoff control, and
- Good Housekeeping at municipal facilities.



Remember, we all have a stake in clean water!

For More Information:

- Oneida Co. Soil & Water Conservation District at 736-3316 ext 3.
- Herkimer Oneida Counties Comprehensive Planning Program, 798-5710.
- New York State Department of Environmental Conservation at 793-2554.

Useful Websites:

- www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8468.html
- <http://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater>

STORMWATER POLLUTION

BE PART OF THE SOLUTION

How your auto business can protect water quality



DRAINS TO THE STREAM—KEEP IT CLEAN!

A message from the Oneida Herkimer Counties Intermunicipal Stormwater Coalition.

How your auto business can prevent Stormwater Pollution:

What is Stormwater?

Stormwater is the water that flows over paved surfaces after a storm. Stormwater runoff enters storm sewers via ditches, gutters and storm drains called catch basins.



Where does it go?

Stormwater isn't treated by a wastewater treatment facility. It flows directly from the storm sewer system into local streams and wetlands.

**Remember, only rain
down the drain!**



Why is Stormwater a problem?

Stormwater contributes to flooding of homes, businesses, and roads.

Stormwater is also the leading cause of pollution in our favorite streams. It collects and transports pollutants like litter, fluid from leaky cars, detergents, salt, sand and pet waste into streams and wetlands.

How can you help?

Your business can do a lot to prevent stormwater pollution. Here's some ideas:

- Never pour vehicle fluids or other hazardous wastes into sinks, toilets, floor drains, outside storm drains, or in the garbage.

- Designate specific areas or service bays for engine, parts, or radiator cleaning. Do not wash or rinse parts outdoors.
- Never discharge wastewater from steam cleaning, or engine/parts cleaning to a street, gutter, or storm drain.
- Designate a vehicle washing area. This "wash pad" should be bermed or protected from storm drains and should drain to an oil/water separator before discharging to the sewer.
- Use drip pans under leaking vehicles to capture fluids.
- Regularly sweep parking lots and areas around your facility instead of washing them down with water.
- Collect all metal filings, dust, and paint chips from grinding, shaving, and sanding, and dispose of the waste properly. Never discharge these wastes to the storm drain or sanitary sewer.