

Borough of Keansburg

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Solutions to Stormwater Pollution

Easy Things You Can Do Every Day to Protect Our Water



Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water; hence the State and all municipalities are attacking this problem at the local level. Rain water washes street pollution into the storm drains which adversely affects not only our drinking water but also the bay and ocean that our children play in.

- **Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides** – Do not apply fertilizers or pesticides if heavy rain is predicted. Look into alternatives for pesticides. Do a soil test and always apply fertilizers according to instructions.
- **Properly use and dispose of hazardous products** – Hazardous products include some household and commercial products, lawn and garden products, motor oil, antifreeze, and paints. ***Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain.*** All the Borough's storm basins drain to local waters. Never park a vehicle that is leaking fluids on the street or in dirt areas that may become contaminated.
 - All hazardous materials may be dropped off, by appointment, at the Monmouth County Household Hazardous Waste Facility, which is located at 3211 Shafto Road, Tinton Falls. Please call 732-683-8686 Ext 5210 for an appointment.
- **Clean up after your pet** – Pet owners are required to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public and private property. Dispose of wrapped pet waste in the trash or unwrapped in a toilet. Never discard or cause to be discarded pet waste onto any street or in any Borough storm drain.
- **Don't feed wildlife** – Do not feed any wildlife, especially ducks, geese, and gulls, in any public area. This includes placing any feeding materials in public roadways, sidewalks, parks, and beaches. Bird droppings can cause major fecal coliform problems as stormwater reaches the waterways.
- **Don't litter** – Place litter in trash cans. Educate our children to protect the environment.

- **Recycle** – Every Wednesday is Recycling Day in the Borough. Place bottles, cans, and containers (plastic, metal, glass) in a container for collection (no plastic bags) along with tied newspapers and cardboard. Metal is picked up by the Borough every Friday (appliances must be paid for in advance). For further information, please see the Public Works page on the Borough’s website, < <http://keansburgnj.gov/residents/public-works/> >, or call the Department of Public Works at 732-787-0215 Ext 247. ***It is the responsibility of every homeowner/resident to keep their curb line free of litter and debris.***
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- **Dispose of yard waste properly** – ***Leaves and branches may only be placed to the curb for pick up according to the Borough’s schedule during Spring and Fall clean-up.*** To do so otherwise is a violation of Borough Ordinance. The seasonal pick-up schedule is listed on the Calendar on the Borough’s website (< www.keansburgnj.gov >) and can also be obtained by calling the Department of Public Works 732-787-0215 Ext 247.
 - Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost, or use a mulching mower that will recycle grass clippings back into the lawn as a natural nitrogen fertilizer. ***Grass, weeds, and dirt are not accepted by the Borough and should never be placed to the curb.*** Since nitrogen is a natural fertilizer, the nitrogen content from grass, leaves, and general yard debris will cause a buildup of algae in the stormwater system that will be carried into the local waterways. This is a cause of sea lettuce and red tide that kills off sea life. ***Do not discharge grass clippings into the street, or place a leaf pile within ten (10’) feet of any storm basin as per Borough Ordinance.*** Bagged vines/shrub clippings may be put out with regular garbage.
 - **Illegal discharge of water** – It is illegal to discharge water into the street, as it may be polluted, may cause ponding (resulting in mosquito larva, algae, and/or stagnation), or may cause icing on any part of the roadways. ***Water must not be discharged onto a resident’s property so as to cause spillover into any street or adjacent property.*** Please contact the Code Department (732-787-0215 Ext 220) for more info.

We must all share responsibility by adhering to the rules listed above in order to protect our quality of life. Breaking these rules can result in fines and/or other penalties being assessed.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Water Quality, has mandated that municipalities enact local Ordinances to enforce these rules. Accordingly, Keansburg has adopted local Ordinances to address these issues. Please call the Department of Public Works if you have any questions regarding the above.

Please help keep our Borough clean and pollutant free!

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