

Borough of Catasauqua

Notice to the General Public

**Subject: Stormwater Discharge to Municipal Storm Water Systems
(NPDES – Phase II)**

April 2015

To whom it may concern:

The Borough of Catasauqua is subject to Federal NPDES – Phase II mandates for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4). This means the Borough will endeavor to monitor all earth disturbance and contributions to the Municipal Storm Sewer System within the Borough Limits to assist in the protection of the quality of its creeks and rivers. Any illegal contribution to the Borough's storm system, including such items as used motor oil, grease or oils from kitchen/restaurant facilities, will be noted and the violators will be issued a warning and instructed to correct the violation. If the violation continues the violators will be subject to penalties outlined in the Storm Water Management Ordinance.

The quality of our waterways is everyone's concern and mutual consideration and cooperation is expected to maintain the quality of Pennsylvania's waterways.

Stormwater discharge is exactly what it says, water generated from a storm event. No other runoff should be directed to the stormwater system. Per DEP's Model Ordinance the only other discharges allowed are:

Discharges from potable sources including
dechlorinated water line and fire hydrant
flushings.
Dechlorinated swimming pool discharges
Lawn watering
Uncontaminated ground water
Springs
Pavement wash waters where spills or
leaks of toxic or hazardous materials
have not occurred

Irrigation drainage
Air conditioning discharge
Flows from riparian habitats &
wetlands
Uncontaminated discharges from
foundation or footing drains
Water from crawl space pumps
Individual residential car washing
Discharges from firefighting activity

The above are only permitted if they do not pose a significant contribution to pollution to surface waters of the Commonwealth.

We appreciate your understanding and hope for mutual cooperation to ensure compliance with these regulations. If there are any questions please call Eugene L. Goldfeder, Borough Manager at 610-264-0571. Thank you.