

# Saratoga County Intermunicipal Stormwater Management Program

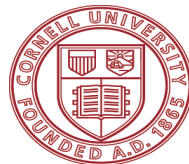
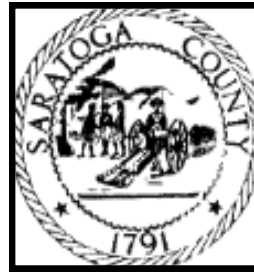
The Saratoga County Intermunicipal Stormwater Management Program is a coalition of 19 Municipalities working to implement Phase II Stormwater regulations in Saratoga County.

“Phase II” is part of the U.S. Federal Clean Water Act that regulates small Municipalities through a National Permit system to manage stormwater runoff from urbanized areas

The Intermunicipal Program is dedicated to providing Saratoga County with the best possible Information, Education, Outreach, and Training to help better manage stormwater runoff and keep our waters clean.

For more information visit us on the web anytime at:

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## Clean water is important to all of us.

It's up to all of us to make it happen. In recent years sources of water pollution like industrial wastes from factories have been greatly reduced. Now, more than 60 percent of water pollution comes from things like cars leaking oil, fertilizers from farms and gardens, and failing septic tanks. All these sources add up to a big pollution problem. But each of us can do small things to help clean up our water too and that adds up to a pollution solution!

## Why do we need clean water?

Having clean water is of primary importance for our health and economy. Clean water provides recreation, commercial opportunities, fish habitat, drinking water and adds beauty to our landscape. All of us benefit from clean water and all of us have a role in getting and keeping our lakes, rivers, ponds, streams and ground waters

## What are we doing to help prevent pollution?

Phase II communities must develop and implement a plan to reduce or eliminate stormwater pollution. Each plan integrates six essential elements, or "minimum control measures":

1. Public Education & Outreach	2. Public Involvement & Participation	3. Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination
4. Construction Site Runoff Control	5. Post-Construction Runoff Control	6. Pollution Prevention & Good Housekeeping



## Clean Water tips:

The storm sewer system is strictly a conveyance for surface runoff and is not a treatment system. Anything that goes in, comes out in our local waterbodies and/or aquifers. Therefore, it is mission-critical that you:

- Know your watershed! Know who's down-stream of you, and who you are down-stream from;
- Never put anything down a storm drain. Disposal of solid, liquid and/or hazardous wastes in a storm drain is illegal; punishable by fines or jail or both!
- Collect and properly dispose of your pet's waste;
- Check your vehicles for oil leaks regularly and fix them promptly.
- Install a Rain Garden or Rain Barrel to reduce runoff and beautify the neighborhood. We can help you get started;
- Don't over-fertilize your lawn. But, if you do, use a phosphorus-free products and always follow the manufacturer's recommendations closely;
- Make sure your septic system is inspected and maintained regularly;
- If you see something that may be a problem, report it!
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