

**Storm Water Hotline:** (603) 497-3617

The [Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\)](#) requires operators of Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) to develop and implement a **Storm Water Prevention Program** to minimize the discharge of contaminants into surface waters. The Separate Storm Sewer is a system of underground pipes and surface drainage that carry rainwater and snowmelt away from roads and parking lots. Ultimately this drainage reaches our lakes and rivers.

[What is Stormwater?](#)

[Do I need a NPDES Permit? \(EPA Flow Chart\)](#)

Common pollutants include the following:

- automotive fluids that leak from our vehicles onto roads, parking lots and driveways,
- pesticides used to keep lawns green,
- sediments from construction sites;
- household trash and chemicals not properly disposed of
- animal waste.

How well do you understand surface water contaminants?

Are the following images representing environmental dos or don'ts? Make sure you read the answers to

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Residents of Goffstown can have an enormous impact on the quality of rivers and streams by:

- keeping vehicles maintained,
- closely following application rates for pesticides and fertilizers,
- properly disposing of household wastes and recyclables
- watching for unusual discharges from storm drainage swales and piping during dry weather conditions.

The Goffstown Department of Public Works operates the following programs to assist residents when disposing of these materials:

- weekly collection of household trash and recyclables
- household hazardous waste collection by appointment for the disposal of unwanted pesticides, paints and chemicals.
- Adopt A Spot program for volunteer groups to help keep our roads free from litter
- Used oil, antifreeze and battery disposal programs that are open to residents during Transfer Station hours of operation

Please contact Public Works for more information regarding any of the programs listed above.

Check out the following websites and documents for more information regarding storm water pollution prevention:

- <http://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/>
- <http://www.epa.gov/owow/nps/kids/>
- <http://www.epa.gov/owow/nps/dosdont.html>
- <http://www.epa.gov/owow/nps/facts/>
- <http://www.epa.gov/owow/nps/facts/point10.htm>
  
- [Things to Keep in Mind if you Have a Septic System or Sanitary Sewer System](#)
- [10 Things You Can Do to Prevent Stormwater Runoff Pollution](#)
- [What is Stormwater Runoff? Why is it a Problem?](#)
- [Protecting Water Quality from Urban Runoff](#)
- [Community Car Washes and Water Quality](#)