

The Town of Danville is implementing and enforcing a stormwater management program designed to reduce polluted stormwater runoff. Stormwater is created by surface drainage that carry rainwater and snowmelt away from roads and residences through culverts and catch basins and ultimately reach this reaches our rivers and ponds. The six minimum control measures of a stormwater management program as required by the EPA are as follows:

1. Public education and outreach program
2. Public involvement and participation
3. Illicit discharge detection and elimination measures
4. Construction site stormwater runoff control
5. Post-construction stormwater management, new development and redevelopment programs.
6. Pollution prevention and good housekeeping in municipal operations.

### ***Stormwater runoff – not just Rain and Snow –***

Rain and snowmelt (Stormwater) that falls on buildings, streets, parking lots and other impervious surfaces cannot soak into the ground. As stormwater moves across these hard surfaces it collects dirt, debris and chemicals and carries them directly to our rivers and streams.

Common pollutants are as follows;

- 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

### **Pet waste poses a threat to our water**

Pet waste is more than just an annoying chore, it can pose a serious health risk. Here is why, A large number of common parasites, including round worm, are transmitted by dog waste. Even though it takes about one year for the dog waste to disintegrate, other parasites can remain in the soil for many years. As a result, any human or animal who comes in contact with the soil also comes in contact with the infected eggs. Children have an even greater risk at getting some of these diseases.

Residents can help by practicing healthy household habits. Homeowners and tenants can have an enormous impact on the quality of rivers and streams by:

- Keeping vehicles maintained, checking for leaks and recycling motor oil
- Using pesticides and fertilizers sparingly
- Properly disposing of pet waste
- Properly disposing of household wastes and recyclables
- Watching for unusual discharges from drainage swales and pipes during dry weather conditions

You can make the difference by adopting these habits to protect our lakes, streams, rivers, wetlands and wells. If you see a spill or observe something you suspect to be pollution in or around storm drains or streams please contact the Danville Highway Department @ 382-0703.

Remember to dispose of your hazardous materials at the household hazardous waste collection days for the disposal of unwanted pesticides, oil paints and chemicals. Watch for the Spring collections held in Plaistow in May and the fall collections held in other local communities.

You can check out other websites for additional information. [www.EPA.Gov](http://www.EPA.Gov) ; [www.nh.gov/des](http://www.nh.gov/des)