

City of Johnstown Public Service Announcement on Stormwater

The City of Johnstown would like to remind all people who live and work within the City that our storm sewer inlets, curbs and gutters, drainage ditches and storm pipes discharge directly and untreated into Stonycreek River, Conemaugh River, Sams Run and other natural waterways within the City. In order to help keep our streams and lakes clean, we remind residents and businesses to please:

- Do NOT discard leaves, grass clippings, used oil, paints, solvents, pet wastes or other wastes into the storm drains, onto the street or into streams or other waterways.
- Clean up after your pet. Don't let pet wastes get washed into the street or down the storm drain.
- Wash your vehicle at a commercial car wash or if washing it at home, wash your vehicle in a grassy or gravel area. Or divert your washwater into the grass or gravel area.
- Properly dispose of used motor oil, oil-based paints, solvents, household cleaners and other hazardous household chemicals. Go to www.westmorelandcleanways.org for more info.

(SPRING & SUMMER)

- Maintain the grass height in your yard at 3 inches or more. Longer grass is healthier and requires less fertilizer.
- If using fertilizers or pesticides, always follow the directions and never apply immediately before a rain storm.

(FALL)

- If draining your pool, allow your pool to dechlorinate first by keeping it uncovered and waiting ten (10) days after its last chlorination to allow the chlorine to dissipate in the air.
- Do NOT discard leaves onto the street, into the storm drains, streams or other waterways.

Together, we can protect and preserve the streams and lakes of our community.