



## Help Prevent Stormwater Pollution

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- Keep property clear of trash and debris.
- Keep dumpster areas clean.
- Provide trash receptacles for customers.
- Dispose of wash water properly.
- Don't wash vehicles outside on paved surfaces.

For more information, go to:  
[www.stamfordct.gov/stormwater-management](http://www.stamfordct.gov/stormwater-management)

### REGULATION OF MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM

Charter and Code of the City of Stamford:  
Sec 201-2. Definitions: Pollutant:

*Pollutant: Anything which causes or contributes to pollution. Pollutants may include, but are not limited to: paints, varnishes and solvents; oil and other automotive fluids: nonhazardous liquid and solid wastes and yard wastes: refuse, rubbish, garbage, litter or other discarded or abandoned objects. Ordinances and accumulations, so that same may cause or contribute to pollution; floatables; pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers; hazardous substances and wastes; sewage, fecal coliform and pathogens; dissolved and particulate metals: animal wastes: wastes and residues that result from constructing a building or structure; noxious or offensive matter of any kind; industrial and commercial wastes, trash, used motor vehicle fluids, food preparation waste, leaf litter and grass clippings.*

**Fines (Sec. 201-12 (B)):**

**First Violation: \$100**

**Second Violation: \$200**

**Third Violation: \$250**

*Note: Each violation shall be a separate and distinct offense.*

# Stormwater Management

A Practical Guide to Regulatory Compliance for Commercial, Industrial and Institutional Facilities



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# What is Stormwater Pollution?

As stormwater (rain or snowmelt) flows over impervious surfaces such as driveways, roofs, sidewalks and streets, it picks up and carries pollutants such as motor oil, fertilizers, pesticides, trash and other potentially environmentally harmful materials into storm drains. From there, this untreated water flows directly into local rivers and the Long Island Sound.



**Report Illegal Dumping. Dumping any material into a catch basin is illegal. Penalties for dumping include fines and the costs of abatement. If you observe someone dumping, immediately report it to the Citizen Service center at 203-977-4140.**

## Doesn't Stamford treat water before returning it to the environment?

The City of Stamford has two separate drainage systems; sanitary and stormwater. Sanitary water, which typically comes from drains located inside buildings, is thoroughly treated before being returned to the environment. Rainwater, snowmelt, and anything else collected by — or dumped into — a storm drain flows untreated into the Long Island Sound.

## What can property owners do to minimize stormwater pollution?

Property owners are responsible for all pollutants leaving their property. There are a number of simple steps that can be taken to help eliminate stormwater pollution, including:

- Annually clean and maintain all private catch basins (not located on a public street) to remove pollutants, ensure proper performance and reduce the risk of flooding. Local sewer and drain contractors can help you.
- Do not dump mop or wash water onto paved surfaces. Wash waters contain harmful chemicals and solvents that can damage waterways; instead, dispose of this water into a mop sink, floor drain or toilet so it can be treated.
- Wash garbage cans and floor mats in a mop sink, which drains to the sanitary sewer system.
- Sweep outdoor areas daily for trash and litter control and do not dispose of trash into storm drains basins.
- Provide trash and cigarette butt receptacles in highly visible locations, particularly in employee break areas.
- Keep your dumpster areas clean and lids closed. Make sure the clean-out plug is properly secured to prevent leaking.
- Do not wash vehicles outside on paved surfaces; instead use a carwash to clean cars and trucks.

# How to dispose of Hazardous Waste

Hazardous wastes — including chemicals, automotive fluids, paints, and commercial wastes — should never be dumped into catch basins. Visit [www.stamfordct.gov/recycling-sanitation](http://www.stamfordct.gov/recycling-sanitation) to learn how to dispose hazardous wastes properly.



## Reminders for Restaurants & Food Establishments:

- Maintain all grease traps in your establishment in accordance with the City of Stamford Health Department and Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) regulations.
- Dispose of cooking oil and grease properly either in a receptacle designed to contain grease or by hiring a waste hauler.
- Do not pour oil and grease into sinks, floor drains, catch basins, on onto the ground.
- Dispose of all waste wash water in a janitorial sink, floor drain or toilet that is properly connected to the sewer system.
- Never pour wash water onto a parking lot, alleyway, sidewalk, or street, as these areas ultimately drain to local waterways.

