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Stormwater: Illicit Discharges and Connections

WHAT IS AN ILLICIT DISCHARGE?

An illicit discharge is defined as any discharge to an MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) that is not composed entirely of storm water (with some exceptions). Illicit discharges are considered “illicit” because MS4s are not designed to accept, process, or discharge such non-stormwater wastes. Sources of illicit discharges can include sanitary wastewater, effluent from septic tanks, improper oil disposal, laundry wastewater, spills from roadway accidents or improper disposal of auto and household toxics. Illicit discharges enter the system through either direct connections (e.g., wastewater piping either mistakenly or deliberately connected to the storm drains) or indirect connections (e.g., infiltration into the MS4 from cracked sanitary systems, spills collected by drain outlets, or paint, used oil or other debris dumped directly into a drain). The result is untreated discharges that contribute high levels of pollutants, including heavy metals, toxics, oil and grease, solvents, nutrients, viruses, and bacteria to receiving waterbodies. Pollutant levels from these illicit discharges have been shown in EPA studies to be high enough to significantly degrade receiving water quality and threaten aquatic, wildlife, and human health.



DO ALL ILLICIT DISCHARGES NEED TO BE ADDRESSED?

No. The following is a list of discharges that the Township may allow based on the findings that they do not significantly contribute to pollution to surface waters of the Commonwealth.

- ⇒ Individual residential car washing
- ⇒ Discharges from fire fighting activities
- ⇒ Water line flushing
- ⇒ Landscape irrigation
- ⇒ Diverted stream flows
- ⇒ Rising ground waters
- ⇒ Uncontaminated ground water infiltration
- ⇒ Uncontaminated pumped ground water
- ⇒ Pavement wash waters where spills or leaks of toxic or hazardous materials have not occurred (unless all spill material has been removed) and where detergents are not used
- ⇒ Discharges from potable water sources
- ⇒ Foundation drains
- ⇒ Air conditioning condensation
- ⇒ Springs
- ⇒ Water from crawl space pumps
- ⇒ Footing drains
- ⇒ Routine external building wash down (which does not use detergents or other compounds)
- ⇒ Dechlorinated swimming pool discharges
- ⇒ Flows from riparian habitats and wetlands

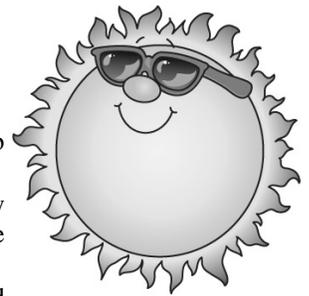


HOW TO REPORT AN ILLICIT DISCHARGE

To report an illicit discharge or connection please visit the Township’s website and download the “Illicit Discharge Report” at www.westearltwp.org/illicit-discharge.html or call the Township office at 859-3201. All reports will be kept confidential.



Summer Safety Tips



Summer is here and so is the warmer weather. Many believe that it is warmer in the summer because the Earth is closer to the sun in the summer. In fact, the Earth is actually farthest from the sun in the summer and closest in the winter. It's warm in the summer because of the tilt of the Earth's axis. During the summer, the sun's rays hit the Earth at a steep angle. The light does not spread out much which increases the amount of energy hitting any given spot. Also, the long daylight hours allow the Earth plenty of time to reach warm temperatures.

When was the hottest day ever recorded in Pennsylvania?

The hottest day on record in Pennsylvania was July 10, 1936. In Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, the recorded high was 111 degrees!

Hot and humid weather can be a silent killer. Several days of hot weather can build up heat in homes, especially those in cities. Elderly populations and children can have a tough time adjusting to the heat and extended exposure can lead to illness or even death.

Key Summer Safety Tips

- Drink plenty of water; even if you do not feel thirsty. Avoid drinks with caffeine. Those with epilepsy or heart, kidney, or liver disease; are on fluid-restricted diets; or have a problem with fluid retention should consult a doctor before increasing liquid intake.
- Never leave children or pets alone in closed vehicles.
- Check on family, friends, and neighbors who do not have air conditioning and who spend much of their time alone.
- Check on your animals frequently to ensure that they are not suffering from the heat. Do not leave pets outside for long periods of time.
- Go to a designated public shelter if your home loses power during periods of extreme heat. Stay on the lowest floor out of the sunshine if air conditioning is not available.
- Check the weather/listen to NOAA Weather Radio for critical updates from the National Weather Service (NWS).

If You Have To Go Outside

- Avoid strenuous work during the warmest part of the day. Use a buddy system when working in extreme heat, and take frequent breaks.
- Dress in loose-fitting, lightweight, and light-colored clothes that cover as much skin as possible. Avoid dark

colors because they absorb the sun's rays.

- Protect face and head by wearing sunblock and a wide-brimmed hat.
- Postpone outdoor games and activities.
- Stay indoors as much as possible and limit exposure to the sun.

Additional Safety Tips

- Limit intake of alcoholic beverages.
- Consider spending the warmest part of the day in public buildings such as libraries, schools, movie theaters, shopping malls, and other community facilities.
- Do not take pets with you to run errands. Sparky may enjoy a fun car ride, but leaving pets in the car while you go into the store for even 15 minutes on a hot day could turn deadly.

heat stroke in dogs

a dog's body temperature

signs of heat stroke:

- ⊗ Heavy panting, difficulty breathing, excessive thirst
- ⊗ Bright red tongue and mucus membranes, which turn grey as shock sets in
- ⊗ Thick saliva, drooling, vomiting, and/or diarrhea
- ⊗ Unsteadiness and staggering
- ⊗ Lethargy

⚠ By the time the signs of heat stroke are visible, it's often too late.

some dogs are more at risk

- ⚠ SHORT-NOSED
- ⚠ LONG-HAIRED
- ⚠ YOUNG

the dangers of heat stroke

- ✓ Collapse
- ✓ Seizures
- ✓ Coma
- ✓ Organ failure
- ✓ Death

sources: petsofweb.com/blog/high-heat-in-dogs
www.dogworld.com/files/default/Hot-Care.pdf
www.petmd.com/dog/heatstroke/heatstroke.cfm

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Conestoga View Sanitary Sewer Extension Project

The most recent West Earl Township Act 537 Plan Update (2004) identified the Conestoga View area of the Township in need of public sanitary sewer facilities. The most cost efficient alternative was determined to be a low-pressure sewer system (LPSS). The "Conestoga View Sanitary Sewer Extension Project" consists of areas along Millway Road, South Conestoga View Drive, Dogwood Drive, North Conestoga View Drive, White Street, Old Akron Road and Oregon Pike. All residential and non-residential properties abutting the sanitary sewer main and whose principal building(s) lies within 150 feet of the low-pressure main will be connected. WESA intends to install the grinder pumping stations, controls, and appurtenances for individual properties, however these facilities will be owned and operated by the property owners upon completion of the project.

The design and permitting of this project has been completed and WESA received public construction bids on June 1, 2017. The Authority authorized issuance of the Notice of Intent to Award the construction contract on June 14, 2017. Construction of the project is anticipated to commence in late July or early August 2017 and construction is scheduled to be completed by the end of April 2018. **WESA will be scheduling two meetings in July 2017 with affected property owners to review project specifics, project costs, property owner responsibilities, etc. Once these meeting dates have been set, affected property owners will be notified.**

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Earth Day Cleanup



On April 20th, students from the Conestoga Valley High School Freshwater Biology class and Kindergartners from the Leola Elementary School participated in a river cleanup and beautification project at the Community Park in Talmage for Earth Day 2017. We would like to thank all the students, teachers and others who participated for their hard work and for doing a wonderful job.



Thank You!

Thank you to the local businesses, Benchmark Construction and Crystal Springs Water, for providing sandwiches and drinks for all the volunteers!

SIDEWALK REPAIRS

In April of 2017 some residents received notification that their sidewalks are in need of repair or replacement (please note that this is not the same letter that was mailed to **all** residents back in the fall of 2016). The deadline for repairs is October 25, 2017. If you have any questions regarding the repairs please email the Zoning Officer at sservice@westearltp.org or visit the Township website at <http://www.westearltp.org/pages/sidewalks>.

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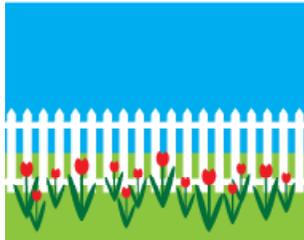
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A NOTE FROM THE ZONING OFFICER - FENCES

Although the Township regulates where you may place fences, unless you are constructing a required swimming pool fence, no permit is needed. All fences over six feet high, however, do require a building permit, because they are covered under the Building Code. Zoning allows only a 3' high fence in the front yard, but side and rear yard fences may be up to 6'. Fences are not permitted in utility easements or rights-of-way or in storm water easements. These areas must remain free of all obstructions, including fences.

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**POLLUTANT
REDUCTION PLAN**

The Township's Pollutant Reduction Plan proposes a reduction of 81,901 pounds of sediment resulting from stormwater flows through the Township's separate storm sewer system. These reductions in sediment are planned to be achieved through the construction or improvement of stormwater facilities throughout the Township. The Draft Pollutant Reduction Plan is available for Public View Monday-Friday 8am-4pm until July 19, 2017. Comments may also be made during the public comment period at the Board of Supervisors' meeting to be held on Monday, July 24, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

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***EAST MAIN STREET
STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS***

West Earl Township is considering applying for Fiscal Year 2018 Community Development Block Grant funds to assist in undertaking stormwater drainage improvements along East Main Street. These federal funds are available through the Lancaster County Redevelopment Authority. If the Township is successful in obtaining such a grant, the funds will be used to install new stormwater mains and inlets to improve stormwater drainage along the street and reduce flooding during

rain events, continuing the stormwater improvements work that the Township has carried out on East Main Street over the past three years.

To determine whether the Township is eligible to receive Community Development Block Grant funding for this project, we must complete some research on incomes of area residents. Residents in the project area should have recently received an income survey in the mail. Without 100% response of East Main Street residents, West Earl Township will not be able to apply for this funding to help accomplish this project.

Completed surveys should be mailed in the stamped, pre-addressed return envelope included with the mailing. The Redevelopment Authority will open the responses and tabulate the results. ***Your individual responses will be kept by them in strict confidence and will not be shared with the Township.***

Thank you for your continued cooperation and assistance as we strive to improve public health and safety in our neighborhoods.

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Meetings

West Earl Board of Supervisors

*Meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month at
7:00pm*

West Earl Planning Commission

Meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm

West Earl Parks and Recreation Board

*Meets the 3rd Monday of every month as needed at
7:00pm*

West Earl Zoning Hearing Board

*Meet 1st Wednesday of the month as needed at
7:00pm*

West Earl Sewer Authority

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm

West Earl Water Authority

Meets the first Monday of every month at 7:00pm

Important Phone Numbers

- Municipal Office 859-3201
- Fax Number 859-3499
- Tax Collector 656-7522
- Water & Sewer Dept
(after hours) 859-3725
- Police Department 859-1411
- Emergencies 911
- Zoning Officer 859-3201
- Sewage Enforcement 625-1930

Email Addresses

- Public Works Dept amartin@westearltpw.org
- Water Dept waterdept@westearltpw.org
- Sewer Dept tbeever@westearltpw.org
- Township Manager cjohnson@westearltpw.org
- Administrative Office tbeever@westearltpw.org
- Zoning Office sservice@westearltpw.org