

# Stormwater Facts

Slow it down, Spread it out, Soak it in.

Chemung County Stormwater Coalition

## Stormwater: What is it?



Stormwater is water from rain or melting snow that does not soak into the ground but runs off into waterways. It flows from rooftops, over paved areas and bare soil, and lawns while picking up a variety of contaminants on its way.



## Polluted Stormwater



Stormwater gathers a variety of pollutants that are mobilized during runoff events. Polluted runoff degrades our lakes, rivers, wetlands and other waterways. Polluted runoff is the number one cause of water pollution in the United States.

## BMP's: How you can help!



BMP's or Best Management Practices are ways in which we can get involved to reduce stormwater pollution and to manage stormwater. For more on BMPs, check out the BMP brochures on our website: [www.chemungstormwater.org](http://www.chemungstormwater.org)

# BMP's

If you perform daily outdoor activities, these simple BMP's will help keep our waters clean!

- Keep outdoor work areas clean and tidy. Clean up trash and debris. If there is a spill, make sure to promptly take care of it in the proper way.
- When possible, perform maintenance work indoors. If a leaky vehicle has to be outside, place a drip pan or bucket under it. Never hose down a spill.
- Never dispose of waste into a storm drain.
- Keep dumpsters and other outdoor waste receptacle lids closed at all times, unless putting waste inside. Do not over fill the dumpster. Also, do not put any liquids in the dumpsters. Liquids will leak out and flow into the storm drain with the next rainfall.
- Minimize the usage of pesticides and fertilizers. Only use them according to the manufacturer's label.



# About Us

The Chemung County Stormwater Coalition was formed in 2003 to address the Phase II Construction Permit requirements for the MS4's in Chemung County.

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## Chemung County Stormwater Coalition

The Coalition has the following goals:

1. The Coalition addresses local, state and federal non point-source pollution issues.
2. Provides information to Chemung County residents to help them understand non point-source pollution issues specific to the watershed and make informed decisions on Stormwater Management.
3. Gather information to be used to understand and address water quality and quantity problems and erosion and sediment control issues on a watershed basis through Stormwater Management activities.
4. Develop water quality/quantity projects that cross town and county borders and to support other projects initiated at the local level.
5. Supports economically viable Stormwater Management as the true basis for environmentally sound development.

### Mission:

The mission of the Coalition is to protect and improve water quality and natural resources in Chemung County with the involvement of citizens and agencies through planning, education, coordination, funding, project implementation and advocating for our water resources through a Stormwater Management Program.

