



## “WHEN IT RAINS IT DRAINS”

YOU CAN HELP BOROUGH COUNCIL MEET THEIR MS4 GOALS  
BE INFORMED AND PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAMS TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY

### ***Which is more harmful: oil or grass clippings?***

If you pour a quart of used oil and a bag of grass clippings down the storm drain at the same time, clearly the oil would appear to do the most harm.

However, most people know that oil should not be dumped down the storm drain but they don't think twice about blowing or washing their yard wastes into the gutter or storm drain system.

Yard wastes contribute nutrients, such as nitrogen and phosphorous, which can cause unwanted and uncontrolled growth of algae and aquatic weeds. Organic matter in the storm drainage system can cause odors in the neighborhood and lead to clogs that could cause flooding.

The Borough has an ordinance which prohibits putting things in the storm sewer system, which are not composed entirely of stormwater. Ordinance 222, enacted by Borough Council on May 27, 2008, amended the Stormwater Management Ordinance to establish detection and elimination procedures and regulations for non-stormwater, illicit, discharges.

### ***What can You do to make a difference?***

Practice Grasscycling, its simple. Mulch your grass clippings by leaving them on the lawn, Grass clippings left on the lawn decompose and act as a natural fertilizer. It's OK to "Let it Lay." For More information on Grasscycling visit the PA DEP website at:

<http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/airwaste/wm/recycle/document/letitlay.htm>

Report Illicit Discharges to the Borough

### ***Be Part of the Solution not the Pollution***

For more information on ways you can help, or to report any non stormwater discharge into local waterways, please contact one of the agencies listed below.

Avondale Borough

610-268-8501

[www.avondaleboro.net](http://www.avondaleboro.net)

Chester County Conservation District

610-925-4920

[www.chesco.org/conservation](http://www.chesco.org/conservation)

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

610-250-5970

[www.dep.state.pa.us](http://www.dep.state.pa.us)

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