



# STORMWATER

Stormwater runoff is generated when rain and melting snow flows over land or impervious surfaces and does not percolate into the ground. As the runoff flows over the land or impervious surfaces (*paved streets, parking lots, and building rooftops*), it accumulates debris, chemicals, sediment or other pollutants that could adversely affect water quality if the runoff is discharged untreated.

Water that goes into storm drains is not treated in any way before it reaches our waterways. As a resident of Upper Merion Township, you can do your part to help reduce stormwater contamination:

- Minimize use of fertilizers and sweep up anything left on sidewalks, driveways and roads.
- Never pour anything into storm drains.
- Turn your yard waste into useful compost.
- Direct downspouts to grassy or non-paved areas.
- Check for leaks from your cars engine and recycle motor oil.
- Wash your car at a car wash instead of in your driveway.
- Clean up all pet waste.