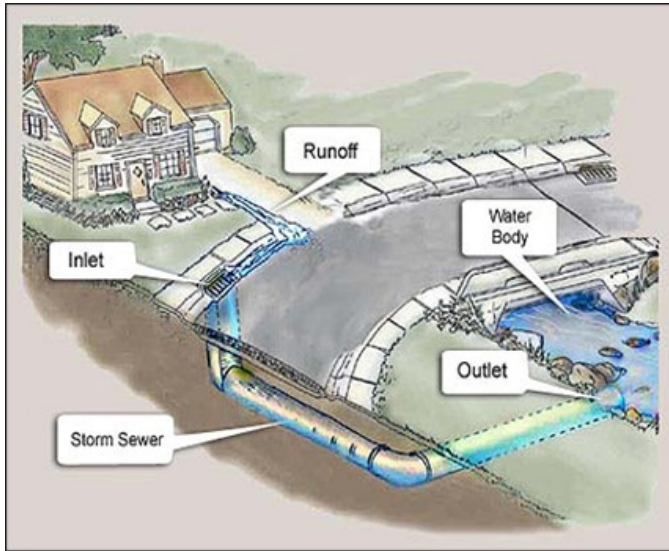


Stormwater 101

What is the big deal about Stormwater?



When it rains stormwater carries all the pollutants on the ground such as trash, road salt, motor oil, lawn chemicals and pet waste to storm drains (also called the 'Inlet') which lead to nearby streams, creeks, lakes, and rivers. Stormwater that flows over *impervious surfaces* such as driveways, paved streets and parking lots does not soak into the ground. Pollutants from these surfaces are quickly sent to nearby waters.

Stormwater runoff is a major source of contamination in the Nation's waterbodies. It is therefore very important to [never dump to storm drains](#) and keep your community clean of trash and pollution. Always keep storm drains clear to avoid flooding around your property.

Explore the additional links on our webpage which include the educational film [Stormwater Pollution and Green Infrastructure Solutions](#), [Green Infrastructure](#), our [Stormwater and Water Quality Interactive Maps](#), and more!

Also see ['A Look at the Town of Clarkstown's MS4 Network'](#) and a video from Keep Rockland Beautiful on [Protecting Rockland's Waterways from Stormwater Pollution](#).