

Help Protect Your Local Watershed

Have your septic tank pumped and septic system inspected regularly.

Check car for leaks and recycle used motor oil. Never pour it on the ground or into a storm drain.

Minimize pesticides; learn about Integrated Pest Management (IPM).

Compost yard wastes—leaves and grass. Don't dump them in ditches or waterways.

Direct downspouts onto lawns and away from paved surfaces.

Plant grass or plants on the bare spots in your yard.

Follow directions on fertilizer labels and sweep off driveways, sidewalks, and roads so that the chemicals won't get into storm drains.

Pick up after your pet. Don't let pet waste wash into storm drains.

NEVER pour any kind of waste into storm drains.

Clean water begins at home...

"Make Your Home the Solution to Stormwater Pollution"



PROTECTING MOUNT AIRY WATERS

When it rains or when snow melts, stormwater washes away pollutants that have accumulated on lawns, driveways, roads, highways, and parking lots. These pollutants flow overland into storm drain systems and ditches emptying into local streams and rivers. When left untreated, these pollutants can impair local and downstream waterbodies used for swimming, fishing, aquatic life, and drinking water. You can help improve and protect the waters in Mount Airy at home and in your municipality by learning more about stormwater pollution and prevention.

10 Things You Can Do to Help Prevent Stormwater Runoff Pollution

- Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks, and gutters
- Never dump anything down stormdrains, into ditches or streams
- Vegetate bare spots in your yard
- Compost your yard waste
- Use the least toxic pesticides, follow labels, and learn how to prevent pest problems
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider a rain garden to capture runoff
- Wash your car on the lawn or take it to a car wash instead of washing it on a paved driveway
- Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil
- Pick up after your pet
- Have your septic tank pumped and inspected regularly if not on public sewer

Stormwater in Carroll and Frederick County and incorporated municipalities, including Mount Airy is regulated by law under Phase I and Phase II Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) permits under EPA's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program administered through the Maryland Department of the Environment.

If you are concerned about the release of pollutants or possible illegal dumping (chemicals, motor oil, paint, sewage, etc.) into a storm drain system, please contact the **Non-Emergency Carroll County Stormwater Pollution Phone Line (410) 386-2210**. Non-emergency response will occur Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Carroll County staff works closely with the Town of Mt Airy providing technical support to help resolve these issues.

Emergency Numbers Call 911 first if there is an imminent threat to human health or the environment, such as chemical hazardous material & oil/fuel spills or sewage overflows. Explore the website below for more educational information. <http://ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/plan/npdes/>

