Storm Drains NOT Sewers!



Those inlets on our streets are Storm Drains, NOT sewers; they are for Stormwater runoff only. They generally drain directly into the watershed creeks and rivers of northern New Castle County. In order to keep our water clean and free of contaminants, all of us must remember NOT to place anything in the Storm Drains. No trash, no used motor oil, old paint or anything that is not rain water.

As part of the Clean Water Act of 1977, the state, county and the Town of Bellefonte must ensure that we all are in compliance with the Federal regulations. Over the next few months, you will begin to hear more and more about what we must do to help clean up our natural resources of water. The Town of Bellefonte will be holding educational workshops to help residents learn more about what we can all do to help our environment.

In the interim, you may hear many, many acronyms such as BMPs, SWPP&MP, MS4, Co-Permittees, Inter Jurisdictional Agreements, etc. Many of these sound confusing but they are all part of the process of making sure we ALL do our best to keep our water safe and clean for the future. Your questions and concerns are welcome and we look forward to addressing many of them at our upcoming workshops.

Remember.... ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN!

For further information, please check out the following website or the many references on DNREC's webpages.

http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title7/5000/5101.shtml