

**TOWNSHIP OF STILLWATER
SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-17

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF STILLWATER TO PROHIBIT THE IMPROPER SPILLING, DUMPING OR DISPOSAL OF MATERIALS OTHER THAN STORMWATER IN THE TOWNSHIP STORM WATER SEWERS AND BASINS

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Stillwater has been directed by the State of New Jersey to implement this Ordinance and must comply with said directive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Stillwater, that the Township Code shall be amended as follows:

SECTION 1

A new Chapter shall be added to the Township Code as follows:

Chapter ____ . STORM WATER SEWERS AND BASINS

§ ____-1. Purpose.

An ordinance to prohibit the spilling, dumping, or disposal of materials other than stormwater to the municipal storm sewer system operated by the Township of Stillwater so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply.

§ ____-2. Definitions.

For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word “shall” is always mandatory and not merely directory.

1. **Municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4)** – a conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, manmade channels, or storm drains) that is owned or operated by the Township of Stillwater or other public body, and is designed and used for collecting and conveying stormwater.
2. **Person** – any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.
3. **Stormwater** – water resulting from precipitation (including rain and snow) that runs off the land’s surface, is transmitted to the subsurface, is captured by separate storm sewers or other sewerage or drainage facilities, or is conveyed by snow removal equipment.

§ ____-3. Prohibited Conduct.

The spilling, dumping, or disposal of materials other than stormwater to the municipal separate storm sewer system operated by the Township of Stillwater is prohibited. The spilling, dumping, or disposal of materials other than stormwater in such a manner as to cause the discharge of pollutants to the municipal separate storm sewer system is also prohibited.

§ _____-4. Exceptions to Prohibition.

1. Waterline flushing and discharges from potable water sources.
2. Uncontaminated ground water (e.g., infiltration, crawl space or basement sump pumps, foundation or footing drains, rising ground waters).
3. Air conditioning condensate (excluding contact and non-contact cooling water).
4. Irrigation water (including landscape and lawn-watering runoff).
5. Flows from springs, riparian habitats and wetlands, water reservoir discharges and diverted stream flows.
6. Residential car washing water, and residential swimming pool discharges.
7. Sidewalk, driveway and street wash water.
8. Flows from fire-fighting activities.
9. Flows from rinsing of the following equipment with clean water:
 - a. Beach maintenance equipment immediately following their use for their intended purposes; and
 - b. Equipment used in the application of salt and de-icing materials immediately following salt and de-icing material applications. Prior to rinsing with clean water, all residual salt and de-icing materials must be removed from equipment and vehicles to the maximum extent practicable using dry cleaning methods (e.g., shoveling and sweeping). Recovered materials are to be returned to storage for reuse or properly discarded.
 - c. Rinsing of equipment, as noted in the above situation is limited to exterior, undercarriage, and exposed parts and does not apply to engines or other enclosed machinery.

§ _____-5. Enforcement.

This Ordinance shall be enforced by the New Jersey State Police, and all Township and County Officials whose duties permit municipal code enforcement.

§ _____-6. Violations and Penalties.

Unless another penalty is expressly provided by New Jersey Statute, any person convicted of a violation of this section shall be punished for a first conviction thereof by a fine of not more than \$100; for a second such conviction, such person shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$200.

§ _____-7. Severability.

Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause, or reason, shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

§ _____-8. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as may be required by law.

SECTION 2

The Township Clerk shall take all necessary action to assure the Code is promptly updated to include this Ordinance.

SECTION 3

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

ATTEST:

Lynda Knott, Clerk

Lisa Chammings, Mayor

Introduced: August 15, 2023

Adopted: September 5, 2023