*Only Rain Down the Drain*

Stormwater runoff is precipitation from rain or snowmelt that flows over the ground. Each time it rains, cigarette butts, litter, pet waste, motor oil, anti-freeze, lawn chemicals and other pollutants reach local waterways through storm drains. Known as non- point source pollution, it is the largest threat to our waterways today. This pollution is discharged, untreated, into the bodies of wa- ter that we use for swimming, fishing and for providing drinking water.

[www. montgomerycountymd.gov/Content/DEP/Rainscapes/garden\_head.jpg](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Content/DEP/Rainscapes/garden_head.jpg)

Come visit our new rain garden in the front of the Municipal Complex. Rain gardens are valuable storm water management tools that filter runoff pollution and recharge groundwater; reduce standing water (and mosquito breeding); create habitat for birds & butterflies; and reduce garden main- tenance and increase curb appeal.

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*GALLOWAY ORDINANCE # 1635 OF 2005 WAS CREATED TO PROTECT OUR STORMWATER.*

*Stormwater pollution problems can be easily corrected if everyone follows these rules:*

* DO NOT LITTER \*
* PICK UP AFTER YOUR P ETS \*
* DO NOT FEED WILDLIFE IN PUBLIC AREAS\*
* KEEP LEAVES, GRASS, YARD DEBRIS AND STREET SWEEPINGS OUT OF STORM DRAINS\*
* ELIMINATE OR MINIMIZE THE USE OF TOXIC PESTICIDES, HER-

BICIDES AND CHEMICAL FERTILIZERS ON YOUR LAWN\*

* NEVER USE THE STORM DRAIN FOR DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SUCH AS MOTOR OIL, ANTIFREEZE, PAINTS, ETC.\*
* USE A COMMERCIAL CAR WASH FOR WASHING YOUR CAR.\*
* IF YOU HAVE A SEPTIC SYSTEM, HAVE IT INSPECTED ANNUALLY AND PUMPED OUT AS NEEDED (USUALLY EVERY 3-4 YEARS)\*
* DO NOT PUT ANY SEWAGE FROM BOATS OR CAMPERS INTO

STORM DRAINS OR INTO ANY BODY OF WATER.\*

*\*For Further Information, Call the Galloway Township Department of Community Education at 652-9265*

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