

Quarterly Newsletter

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PETS, FARM ANIMALS, AND YOUR PRIVATE WATER SUPPLY NOV. 17

This virtual program will discuss ways to make sure the water you provide your animals is both safe and abundant. Check out this program and our full [calendar](#) of stormwater education and outreach activities.



WATER RELATED GRANT FUNDING AVAILABLE

Our Road BMP workshop featured the PA Dirt and Gravel Road program, funding is still available for low volume roads. Boating Facility Grants are now open through Dec. 31, 2021 for boating access and facilities. Go to the [grants page](#) for more information.

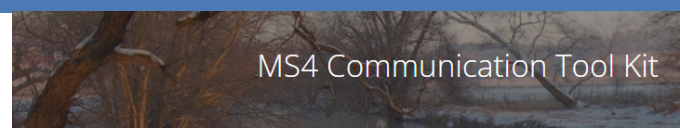


RAIN GARDEN INSTALLATION, HOA STORMWATER MAINTENANCE & RIPARIAN BUFFERS

Catch up on past workshops on the CWMP YouTube channel as well as recordings of past CWMP meetings [here](#).

NEW MS4 COMMUNICATION TOOL BOX AVAILABLE

We've prepared a new resource on the website to help municipalities communicate stormwater information to meet your MCM1 and 2 requirements for public education and engagement. Check out template flyers, social media posts and other resources at the [MS4 Communication Tool Box](#).



MS4 Communication Tool Kit

This page contains content that your municipality can use in its outreach efforts, in partial fulfillment of your MS4 Public Education and Outreach (MCM 1) and Public Participation and Involvement (MCM 2) obligations.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Please feel free to paste the content below into Facebook, Instagram, or other social media platform.

Media (right-click to copy) Rain gardens Oct. 2021



Is your home or yard constantly flooding? Try Planting a Rain garden!

Rain gardens are similar to ordinary gardens — except they're dug deeper and incorporate a mixture of soil, sand, and compost. They act as a sponge to soak up excess water in your yard during rain storms. To find out more, visit https://cwmp.org/homeowner_resources/ or download this free app for tips on how to plant rain gardens! <https://aapos.apple.com/us/app/rain->

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Full page calendar

Workshops & Meetings
HOA STORMWATER WORKSHOP

If you SEE something. SAY something

[Click here to get information on how](#)



BE A GOOD STORMWATER NEIGHBOR

*By Christina Kundrat, Watershed Conservation Intern,
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In recent years, flooding has become increasingly dangerous and devastating in Chester County and across the country. In fact, flooding is the most prevalent natural disaster in Pennsylvania causing over \$1 million worth of property damage annually. Chester county has 2,300 miles of streams and around 250 problem areas of known flooding. Many smaller flooding issues cause erosion and flooded basements on residential properties. Although these statistics are alarming, there are ways residents can help prevent flooding and be good stormwater neighbors to each other.

Being a good stormwater neighbor means carrying out practices on your property to help mitigate flooding, while not disrupting the property and boundaries of your neighbors. The most important thing to remember is that stormwater does not follow property lines. Even if you and your neighbors have fences the outflow of water will go wherever it wants. This can lead to neighbor disputes, which should be handled with cooperation and open communication. To avoid conflicts, familiarize yourself with how rainwater and snow melt flow onto your property. Look for entrances, exits and problem areas where flooding occurs.

Continue reading [here](#)

RESOURCES FOR HOMEOWNER BUILDING PROJECTS

The [Building Project Resources](#) tab on the CWMP.org website is designed to provide homeowners with information and resources about stormwater considerations when building an addition or increasing pavement and impervious surfaces on their property with links to local and state regulations.

The page also helps municipalities meet their MS4 requirements for public education and outreach (MCM 1 and 2). Municipalities can simply provide a link to the page on your stormwater website.

*The page provides
detailed information
on 4 stages of
management:*

- 1) planning for runoff*
- 2) controlling runoff
during construction,*
- 3) managing
completed projects*
- 4) long-term
maintenance*



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