

Liberty Township Board of Trustees  
Fairfield County  
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Dear Liberty Township Resident,

The Liberty Township Trustees recently filed a general permit with the Ohio EPA to implement a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) program. Our neighbors in Violet Township and the City of Pickerington have been MS4 Communities since 2003. The basic premise of the program is the protection of our water resources by properly managing and monitoring our local storm water and providing educational resources to our community.

The Ohio EPA identified the MS4 areas as portions of Township Sections 6 and 30R. Population growth and density are the primary drivers of the MS4 program and this letter is being shared with all land owners within those areas.

If you visit our Township's website at [www.fairfieldcountyohio-libertytownship.org](http://www.fairfieldcountyohio-libertytownship.org) you will now see a "Storm Water Management" link that connects you to the Fairfield Soil and Water Conservation District where you can learn more about this MS4 program and other natural resource concerns.

Over the next 6 months the Fairfield Soil and Water Conservation District (FSWCD) will be conducting an inventory and oversee a mapping effort of the streams and ditches in the area. This effort will likely start in September of 2013. Should you have questions or concerns about this effort, please contact Jonathan Ferbrache, Resources Specialist with the FSWCD directly at 740-653-8154.

The FSWCD will also provide education in the Pickerington Local School District throughout the year with a specific focus on storm water issues.

The Township Trustees and staff have already begun our own educational efforts in early July with a "Good Housekeeping" presentation related to our Township facility and monitoring of our Township road ditches, salt and pesticide use.

Please check our "Storm Water" link from time to time for workshops and collection events related to water quality concerns in the our local MS4 communities. The MS4 program will continue to evolve and change as local storm water concerns change for the Walnut Creek Watershed.

**What should you as a landowner in an MS4 Community know?**

- Don't dump yard waste in streams and ditches.

- Use the right rate of fertilizer on your yard. Soil testing is offered at the local OSU Extension office.
- Don't dump pet wastes in streams and ditches.
- Don't dump or pour oil, antifreeze and other hydrocarbons around your property.
- Dry out your latex paint to dispose of it.
- Utilize rain barrels and rain gardens to reduce localized flooding and your use of ground water resources.
- If you are regrading your lawn or building a new structure, you should stabilize the site as soon as possible and place protective devices to keep sediment from entering streams and ditches.

**Contact the following agency representatives for specific concerns related to water quality issues in our streams and ditches:**

Billy Phillips with Liberty Township Zoning is our township coordinator for this program. (740)808-0736 or (740)862-6615

Jonathan Ferbrache with the Fairfield Soil and Water Conservation District is our primary contact for implementation assistance. (740)653-8154


Steve Deeter with the Fairfield Department of Health for Household Septic and Aeration System Maintenance. (740)652-2800


Gary Hummel, Fairfield County Sheriff's Office Litter Officer. (740) 652-7900


EPA Spill Number 1-800-282-9378 to report fuel/oil spills  
Ohio EPA Division of Surface Water (614) 644-2001

Sincerely,

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