

POLLUTION PREVENTION AT CONSTRUCTION SITES

Contractors on construction sites encounter materials that have the potential for pollution from stormwater runoff. It is the contractor's duty to make sure all proper procedures are followed and to immediately clean-up and report any spills and illicit discharges, as well as implement the approved Erosion & Sediment Control Plan and/or Best Management Practices as applicable. An **illicit discharge** is any unauthorized discharge into the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) or the Waters of the Commonwealth.

Be sure to use proper techniques for storage, handling, disposal, and management of materials on construction sites.

When sediment from earth disturbance at construction sites runs off into streams, it can:

- Prevent fish feeding, migration and spawning;
- Interfere with recreation;
- Destroy aquatic habitat;
- Threaten drinking water supplies.

Other types of potential pollution at construction sites include:

- Over-fertilizing;
- Oil, grease, and other petroleum products used to fuel equipment;
- Debris/trash;
- Paint;
- Concrete slurry.

For any questions or to report an illicit discharge, please contact Westtown Township at 610-692-1930.