

What is MS4? MS4 is commonly known as “Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems.”

The Town of Walworth has been mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency and The Department of Environmental Conservation to be included in this program to control stormwater runoff in order to protect and improve the Nation’s waterways. Polluted stormwater runoff is often transported to municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) and ultimately discharged into local rivers and streams without treatment. This program is intended to improve the Nation’s waterways by reducing the quantity of pollutants that stormwater picks up and carries into storm sewer systems during storm events. Common pollutants include oil and grease from roadways, pesticides from lawns, sediment from construction sites, and carelessly discarded trash, such as cigarette butts, paper wrappers, and plastic bottles. When deposited into nearby waterways through MS4 discharges, these pollutants can impair the waterways, thereby discouraging recreational use of the resource, contaminating drinking water supplies, and interfering with the habitat for fish, other aquatic organisms, and wildlife.



Other Resources: 1) Guidance & Publications from the Ontario-Wayne Stormwater Coalition

Visit website at: <http://www.gflrpc.org/OntarioWayneMS4.htm>

2) The latest information on Stormwater Phase II in New York State

Visit website at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov>

3) Environmental Protection Agencies “Do’s and Don’ts Around the Home”

Visit website at: www.epa.gov/owow/nps/dosdont.html

4) Drainage tips from the U.S. Department of Agriculture

Visit website at: <http://www.wy.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/ewpfactsheets/homedrain.html>

5) Cornell Cooperative Extension

Visit website at: www.cce.cornell.edu