

Lower Allen Township's

Guide to MS4

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System

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Why Can Stormwater Runoff Be a Problem for Homeowners?

Flooding: Stormwater flows off roofs, driveways, and lawns. Large volumes of water are directed to the lowest area of land. This could be streams and creeks.

Pollution: Water flowing over land will pick up any contaminant on the surface of the ground. This could be road dirt, heavy metals and oils from roadways, pesticides and herbicides from lawns, or salt from roads and sidewalks.

Stream Bank Erosion: Powerful flowing water can erode banks, damaging fish habitat and properties, and creating hazards along a stream.

Threats to Human Health: Toxic pollutants can be found in stormwater from heavy metals to bacteria to viruses.