

## STORMWATER

The Municipal Stormwater Regulation program was developed in response to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency's (USEPA) Phase II rules published in December 1999. The Department issued final stormwater rules on February 2, 2004 and four (4) NJDES general permits authorizing stormwater discharges from Tier A and Tier B municipalities, as well as public complexes, and highway agencies that discharge stormwater from municipal separate storm sewers (MS4s). Public complexes include certain large public colleges, prisons, hospital complexes and military bases. Highway Agencies include county, state, interstate, or federal government agencies that operate highway and other thoroughfares.

The general permits address stormwater quality issues related to new development, redevelopment and existing development by requiring regulated entities to implement Statewide Basic Requirements (SBRs).

As a Tier A Municipality, Lawrence Township has adopted [ordinances](#) to regulate the impact of stormwater runoff and pollutants on the environment. The Township also distributes stormwater [information](#) with tax bills and [pet waste](#) information with dog and cat licenses. The Municipal Stormwater Management Plan ([MSWMP](#)) and Municipal Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan ([MSPPP](#)) are also available.

Useful links: [www.cleanwater.org](http://www.cleanwater.org)  
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