



Cheltenham Township

Keep Our Water Clean!

Cheltenham's Stormwater Management Ordinances (Chapters 290 and 291 of the Cheltenham Township Code) prohibit anyone from allowing discharges of anything except stormwater into the Township's storm sewer system. The following list highlights pollution prevention requirements that affect many types of businesses in Cheltenham Township. More details are available from the Township's website www.CheltenhamTownship.org > *Departments & Services* > *Stormwater Management*.

Pavement/Building Cleaning

- Detergents or other compounds are prohibited in washwater. Only clean water may be used.
- Any spills or leaks of toxic or hazardous material must be removed before cleaning pavements.

Dumpsters

- Ensure dumpsters are secure against any material blowing out or leaking.

Construction/Development

- **Any disturbance of the earth** mandates erosion controls to prevent excessive amounts of sediment and debris reaching the stormwater system, both during and after development.

More detailed requirements are provided in Chapter 290, Watershed Stormwater Management, and Chapter 291, Watershed Stormwater Management for the Wissahickon Creek Watershed, in the Township's Code of Ordinances at: <https://www.ecode360.com/CH1316>.

Motorized Equipment Cleaning

- No water used in the process of cleaning commercial vehicles or motorized equipment may be allowed to enter the Township's storm sewer system, which includes water running into streets.
- No water used in the process of cleaning equipment or vehicles used to carry insecticides, pesticides, oils, chemicals or detergents may enter into the Township's storm sewer system.
- *Clean all commercial motorized equipment at a facility designed to capture wastewater.*

Prohibited Connections

- No drain or conveyance may allow anything but stormwater to enter the Township's storm sewer system. Sewage, process wastewater and wash water is prohibited.
- No drain or conveyance from a commercial or industrial property may connect to the Township's storm sewer system unless it has been approved by the Township and documented.
- *Disconnect any illegal drains or other conveyances into the Township's storm sewer system.*

Roof Drains

- Roof drains may not be connected to streets, sanitary or storm sewers, or roadside ditches, unless permitted by the Township upon application by the property owner.
- Roof drains must discharge into an infiltration area or appropriate vegetation area to the maximum extent practicable.

To apply for a roof drain connection exception, please contact the Cheltenham Township Planning and Zoning Department at 215-887-6200, ext. 213.

Penalties: Penalties for violations include fines up to \$1,000 per violation and imprisonment of up to 30 days. Each day that the violation continues constitutes a separate offense.