

Who are you going to call?

WHAT EVERY CITIZEN NEEDS TO KNOW TO HELP PROTECT OUR WATERWAYS

Citizens can help report violations or problems they notice in our local streams before they cause more damage and pollution. Residents sometimes may be the first to recognize “illicit” discharges being directed into storm sewers or flowing out of storm sewer outfall pipes into streams. “Dry weather flows” - flows from storm sewer outfall pipes after 72 hours or more without rain - should be reported to your municipality for further investigation.

New storm water requirements from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) require that the Borough thoroughly investigate potential illicit discharges (pollutants) into our storm sewers and streams. You can help by promptly reporting the following events to the authorities listed in the hotline box below.



| Event | Who to call | Other information |
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| Spills and other observed pollution events in any stream | DEP Weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.: 484-250-5991 or 5970 24-hour hotline: 484-250-5900 or 800-541-2050 <i>and</i> Swarthmore Borough 610-543-4599 or 911 after hours and weekends | If material is believed to be hazardous, also call 911 and contact the PA Emergency Management Agency: 1-800-424-7362 |
| Sediment leaving a construction site during rain events or other construction site problems | Delaware County Conservation District 610-892-9484 | Provide photo, full address, and directions to site |
| Clogged, leaking, overflowing sewer lines | Swarthmore Borough 610-543-4599 or 911 after hours and weekends | If sewage is entering a stream, also call DEP |
| Fish kills, illegal fishing | PA Fish and Boat Commission 717-626-0228 | For fish kills, also call DEP at numbers listed above |
| Dry weather storm sewer outfall flows | Swarthmore Borough 610-543-4599 or 911 after hours and weekends | If flow appears to be sewage, also call DEP |
| Broken water mains | Aqua Pennsylvania 610-525-1402 | 24 hour |