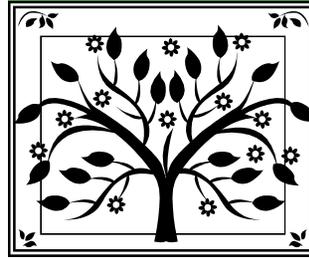


## What is Non-Point Source Pollution?

NPS pollution, or people pollution, is contamination of our groundwater and waterways that results from everyday activities such as fertilizing the lawn, walking pets, changing motor oil, and littering. With each rainfall, pollutants generated by these activities are washed into storm drains that flow into our waterways and soak into the groundwater. Each one of us contributes to this pollution through our daily lives., threatening our precious natural resource. The good news is that we can make a difference by simple changes in our lifestyles. These ordinances are a reminder of some of the things we can do.

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## Groundwater and Non-Point Source Pollution in Liberty Township



**First in a series of environmental brochures on managing storm water.**

**What is NPS Pollution?  
Three New Ordinances**

## An Ordinance of Liberty Township No. 02-07 Prohibiting the Feeding of Waterfowl

It has been determined that the presence of large numbers of wild geese and ducks and other occasional waterfowl causes non-point source pollution which is inimical to the general welfare of people and those waterfowl. It is the purpose of the article to prevent conduct that attracts such birds to the area. Therefore, no person shall feed, cause to be fed, or provide food for wild geese, ducks, or other waterfowl anywhere in the township.



### Tips to Discourage Waterfowl

- Create a “no mow zone” along waterways
- Allow waterfowl to eat naturally
- Understand that feeding wild animals causes dependency on people, poor nutrition, and spreads disease.

## An Ordinance of Liberty Township No. 02-06 Limiting the Application of Phosphorus Fertilizer Near Bodies of Water

It has been determined that the presence of phosphorus in lawn fertilizer near township bodies of water causes non-point source pollution which is inimical to the general welfare. It is the purpose of this article to prevent conduct that allows such lawn fertilizer containing phosphorus to be applied, thereby reducing non-point source pollution from storm water runoff. No person or firm shall apply fertilizers that contain phosphorus to lawns; fertilizer applications shall not be made when the ground is frozen; no leaves or other vegetative materials shall be deposited on roads or within any lake or storm drain system; lawn fertilizer application shall not be made within 10 feet of any waterway. Agricultural crops grown for commercial purposes and newly established turf areas (for the first growing season) are exempt.



### Reduce your Use of Fertilizers and Pesticides

## An Ordinance of Liberty Township No. 02-08 Regulating the Disposal of Pet Waste

It has been determined that the presence of pet waste near township bodies of water causes non-point source pollution, which is inimical to the general welfare. It is the purpose of this article to prevent conduct that allows such pet waste to collect on any public thoroughfare, sidewalk, passageway, by-path, play area, or any place where people congregate or walk thereby reducing non-point source pollution from storm water runoff to township waterways.



**These ordinances shall be enforced by the State Police. Violators are subject to a fine of not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$500.**