

## Town of Perryville Public Notice

To the Citizens of the Town of Perryville

Stormwater management is becoming an ever increasing topic of importance to the Town of Perryville. Stormwater management concerns itself with the cleanliness of stormwater runoff before it reaches any river, tributary or stream. Common household items such as lawn fertilizers, spilled motor oil, driveway sand and salt, and soapy water from car washing, are a significant pollutant to the stormwater runoff. To help secure a cleaner environment and better water quality management, please use the following precautions when dealing with the referenced contaminants.

- Pick up trash regularly
- Pick up and secure in a plastic bag all pet waste
- Minimize the use of lawn fertilizer, use the most environmentally friendly brand
- Secure and store in shelter all paints and hazardous chemicals
- Minimize the use of soaps and detergents when washing home, vehicles and equipment
- Secure trash cans, make sure the lids are in place and secure
- Keep grass clippings and other yard waste secure and water tight
- Maintain vehicle to prevent motor oil and other car fluids from leaking, if leaks occur, use proper absorbent pads to soak material.
- Do not pressure wash garages or driveways
- Sweep floor regularly to avoid tracking outside
- Do not store batteries outside
- Call DPW at 410-642-6068 if you see clogged storm sewer drains in your area
- Keep all potential pollutants away from the elements, keep it from being exposed to stormwater.
- Report to the Town Website or DPW any public spills or leaks.

Due to the Town bordering the Susquehanna River, it is especially important that these precautions be properly carried out. The risk is when these contaminants are left unattended, rain and stormwater runoff can carry the material ultimately to the Susquehanna River and pollute the water further downstream.

Please, Citizens of Perryville, you must do your part to secure a cleaner environment.

Thank you, The Town of Perryville.

**Town of Perryville MS4 Knowledge Survey –**

1. How well is your understanding of stormwater runoff? (1-5)
2. How acceptable should it be that stormwater runoff and local water bodies be clean of pollutants? (1-5)
3. At what extent should the federal, state, and local governments commit to ensuring stormwater runoff is clean of pollutants? (1-5)
4. At what extent should individual citizens be held accountable and commit to the cleanliness of stormwater runoff? (1-5)
5. Does Perryville need more regulations governing the cleanliness of stormwater runoff and local water bodies? Y/N
6. Did you know that water entering a storm drain system is NOT sent to a waste water treatment plant, but eventually drains into local downstream water bodies (ie. Mill Creek, Susquehanna River)? Y/N
7. Did you know that the cleaner your local streets and surroundings are, the cleaner your local water bodies will be? Y/N
8. How much impact do you think local Perryville citizens can make on the cleanliness of stormwater runoff and local water bodies? (1-5)
9. How often do you do the following? (Never, Sometimes, Always)
  - Change your own motor oil?
  - Wash your car in the street or driveway?
  - Apply lawn fertilizer?
  - Collect rain water for irrigation?
  - Manage yard runoff with rain gardens?
  - Pick up pet waste?
  - Pick up litter in general?
  - Interact with local governments / organizations working to control stormwater pollution?
10. Based on this survey, how much do your daily habits contribute to a cleaner Perryville? (1-5)
11. Do you think overall that stormwater runoff and local water bodies in Perryville are clean? Y/N
12. Has this survey changed your opinion on stormwater runoff cleanliness? Y/N

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### To the Pet Owners of the Town of Perryville

You must clean up the waste after your dog to help secure a cleaner environment and better water quality management. By cleaning up, you are not only being a kind and courteous neighbor, you are also looking after the health and safety of your neighbors and local wildlife. Pet waste is a pollutant and will harm the environment due to the bacterial and nutrient makeup. It can spread diseases among other dogs, people, and other wildlife, and attracts unwanted wildlife pests such as rats.

Due to the Town bordering the Susquehanna River, it is especially important that pet waste be properly disposed of by placing it in a trashcan or toilet. When disposing it in a trashcan, the waste must be wrapped and secured in a plastic baggie to prevent leakage. When pet waste is left unattended, rain and stormwater runoff can carry the matter ultimately to the Susquehanna River and pollute the water further downstream.

Please, if you are a pet owner, you must do your part to secure a cleaner environment by properly cleaning up after your pet's waste. Thank you, The Town of Perryville.

