

Stormwater Compliance

Bellmawr obtains a Tier A Municipal Stormwater General Permit from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP). This permit authorizes the discharge of stormwater from municipal separate storm sewers. In general, the permit addresses stormwater quality issues related to both new and existing development. More information regarding the New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Tier A Municipal Stormwater General Permit (NJPDES MS4 Permit) can be found online at the NJDEP website at <http://www.nj.gov/dep/dwg/tier-a.htm>).

Solutions to Stormwater Pollution

In accordance with our NJDEP Tier A Municipal Stormwater General Permit, the borough adopted various Ordinances to regulate the impact of stormwater runoff and pollutants on the environment.

1. **Pet Waste:** This requires pet owners to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property. It prevents fecal contamination from impacting local waterways. Pet Waste Ordinance #02:08-05. Chapter 137 Article 1
2. **Litter:** This states it is unlawful to throw, drop, discard, or otherwise place litter of any nature upon any public or private property, other than in a litter receptacle. This prevents unsightly & unsanitary conditions & prevents litter from impacting waterway. Litter Ordinance #02:09-05. Chapter 270 Article II
3. **Improper Disposal of Waste:** This states that it is illegal to dispose of waste in any place not specifically designated for that purpose of solid waste storage or disposal. The purpose is to prevent unsanitary conditions and groundwater pollution. Improper Disposal of Waste Ordinance #02:06-05. Chapter 382 Article III
4. **Wildlife Feeding:** Feeding of water fowl on municipal park property is prohibited by Ordinance #02:10-05. The Borough enacted the Ordinance as a method to reduce water fowl population in response to health concerns regarding bacteria which is harmful to humans and fish population. Wildlife Feeding Ordinance Chapter 137 Article II

5. **Yard Waste:** Yard waste is regulated by Ordinance #02:04-05 which establishes the current zone collection system and the methods of collecting leaves, brush, and other yard waste. The purpose is to keep leaves and grass out of the storm sewer system. Yard Waste Ordinance Chapter 282 Article II.
6. **Illicit Connections:** This makes it unlawful to connect any pipe or device to the municipal storm sewer system that is intended to discard, spill or dump any material other than stormwater runoff or groundwater (sump pumps) into the system. The purpose of Ordinance #02:07-05 is to prevent pollution and contamination of waterways which receive discharge from our storm sewers. Illicit Connection Ordinance. Chapter 363 Article IX.
7. **Stormwater Control:** This Ordinance #04:06-06 establishes minimum stormwater management requirements and controls for major developments. Stormwater Control Ordinance. Chapter 393
8. **Private Retrofitting:** this Ordinance # 03:04-09 requires the retrofitting of existing storm drain inlets which are in direct contact with repaving, repairing, reconstruction, or resurfacing or alterations of facilities on private property, to prevent the discharge of solids and floatables (such as plastic bottles, cans, food wrappers and other litter) to the municipal storm sewer system. Private Retrofitting. Chapter 363 Article III.
9. **Refuse Containers-Dumpsters:** This Ordinance #03:03-09 requires dumpsters and other refuse containers that are outside or exposed to stormwater to be covered at all times and prohibits the spilling, dumping, leaking or otherwise discharge of liquids, semi-liquids or solids from the containers to the municipal separate storm sewer system. Refuse Containers-Dumpsters. Chapter 382 Article IV.
10. **Stormwater Control:** This Ordinance #01-03-21 amends and replaces Part II, Chapter 393, entitled Stormwater Control to comply with the provisions of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Stormwater management Rules and Regulations being implemented on March 2, 2021 pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:8ET SEQ. The purpose of this Chapter is to establish minimum stormwater management requirements and controls for major development, as defined in 393-2
11. **Privately Owned Salt Storage:** This Ordinance #11:17-23 amends the Code of the Borough of Bellmawr to include New Chapter 395, Entitled Privately

Owned Salt Storage. The purpose of this ordinance is to prevent stored salt and other solid de-icing materials from being exposed to stormwater. This ordinance establishes requirements for the storage of salt and other solid de-icing materials on properties not owned or operated by the municipality (“privately owned”) in the Borough of Bellmawr to protect the environment, public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply. **Note this ordinance has not been codified as of 12/31/2024. A copy is attached to the Borough of Bellmawr web page.**

12. **Tree Preservation, Removal, and Replanting:** This Ordinance # 11:16-23 establishes requirements for tree removal and replacement to reduce soil erosion and pollutant runoff, promote infiltration of rainwater into the soil, and to protect the environment, public health, safety, and welfare. **Note this ordinance has not been codified as of 12/31/2024. A copy is attached to the Borough of Bellmawr web page.**

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