



## Jermyn Borough's Adopt a Storm Drain Program

Prevent pollution from entering your local waterway and adopt a storm drain!



**Left:** Car wash soap and other detergents contain chemicals that alter the water quality of our local waterway. Remember, only rain water should enter storm drains!

**Right:** Litter clogs and pollutes our local waterways as well as poses risk to our local wildlife when ingested.

Keep your local storm drains clean! This prevents stormwater flooding in your neighborhood. Keeping your storm drain clean will also prevent pollutants from entering streams and the Lackawanna River. Our local waterways are home to many species of fish, amphibians, birds, plants, and insects that make up our ecosystem as we know it!

# Volunteer in 4 easy steps!

- 1) **Sign up to Volunteer!** Fill out your pledge on page 3. This pledge shows your commitment to reducing pollution in the Lackawanna River!
- 2) **Choose a storm drain!** Commit to a storm drain near your home and regularly check it. (Once every few weeks and before/after a major rain event)
- 3) **Clean debris and follow the safety guidelines/instructions on page 4.**
- 4) **Report your cleanup!** Report your cleanup by sharing your results and weight estimate of debris removed within an email using the email template shown below and send to: **jermynborough@jermynpa.com** Call borough if there are any hazards or clogging at the storm drain (570.876.0610 Ext. 8)

## **Cleaned my Storm-Drain email template:**

**Send email to: [jermynborough@jermynpa.com](mailto:jermynborough@jermynpa.com)**

**Subject: Cleaned Storm-Drain**

Contents:

- 1) Any reports of hazardous materials, pollutants, or clogging in the storm drain. If not please skip
- 2) Location of your storm drain
- 3) Include your estimated debris weight.
- 4) Include before and after photos if possible



# Jermyn Borough's Adopt a Storm Drain Pledge

## I Pledge...

- 1) To follow the safety instructions involved in cleaning my storm drain.
- 2) To clean my storm drain once every few weeks or at least 4x a year.
- 3) To not pick up storm grates
- 4) To submit cleanup details to the borough after cleaning.
- 5) To report any damage, hazardous waste, or clogging at the storm drain.

Volunteer's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Storm Drain

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

By pledging to adopt a storm drain, I understand that participating in storm drain cleaning is voluntary and involves being close to a roadway. I acknowledge that there are risks being close to a roadway when participating and will follow safety instructions including making sure children are being supervised if they are volunteering. I hereby release Jermyn Borough from liability associated with the risks involved in participating in the Adopt a Storm Drain program.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of guardian if under 18 years old:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## **Jermyn Borough's Adopt-a-Drain Safety Instructions and Guidelines**

- Whenever possible, avoid standing in the street.
- Supervise children if they are helping with maintaining the storm drain.
- Check storm drain for debris/garbage prior and following a rain event.
- Avoid the storm drain during a rain event.
- Avoid using hands to clean debris or garbage in case of broken glass or contaminants. Use a broom or shovel clean drain grate. NEVER sweep anything into the drain.
- If you see hazardous substances or smell a foul order, report it to the borough as soon as possible.
- If you can, recycle any recyclables found on the grate.
- Never attempt to move a storm drain grate.
- Never wade in standing stormwater at or near the storm drain.
- If you can, take a before and after picture of your cleanup. Then, complete an adopt-a-drain clean out report (page 2) and email it to the borough.

**Thank you for your participation and efforts to reduce your town's stormwater pollution and improve the water quality of your local watershed.**