What is DelDOT Doing?

The NPDES Program:
- Inventories and inspects the storm sewer system
- Samples stormwater outfalls for pollutants
- Sweeps all DelDOT-owned streets
- Researches and implements pollutant-reducing structures
- Inspects facilities and construction sites for environmental compliance
- Keeps the storm sewer system clean and functioning
- Educates and engages the public about stormwater

Why is DelDOT Doing This?

DelDOT is working to improve the quality of stormwater runoff. In 2001, DelDOT and New Castle County were issued a Stormwater Permit from DE Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control to control stormwater pollution discharge in New Castle County.

Mission

DelDOT’s NPDES Program
Minimize the runoff of pollutants from the roadway drainage system into surface waters of Delaware

(302)STOPPIT Hotline
DelDOT, New Castle County and the City of Wilmington created a hotline to report non-stormwater discharges into the stormwater system.

Contact Us
DelDOT NPDES Program
deldot.npdes@state.de.us
deldot.gov/stormwater
(302) 760-2194
During a storm event, runoff can pick up pollutants like sediment from construction sites, nutrients from excess fertilizer use, bacteria from pet waste, oil and grease from motor vehicles, and become polluted.

Storm drains and roadside ditches lead directly—without treatment—to our streams, rivers, and bays.

Clean water starts at home: homeowner tips to prevent pollution

- Have your septic tank pumped and septic system inspected regularly.
- Minimize the use of pesticides and herbicides in your yard. Use environmentally friendly pest control or lawn care methods.
- Pick up after your pet to protect you and your pet’s good health. Don’t let pet waste go into storm drains.
- Never discharge chlorinated pool water into a storm drain. The same chemicals that prevent algae from growing in your pools will poison plants and fish in local ponds and streams. Dechlorinate water before draining out of the pool.
- Never discharge water from a water softener into the storm drain. Direct the brine solution to a sanitary sewer drain in your home.
- Check car for leaks and recycle used motor oil. Never pour it onto the ground or into a storm drain.
- Direct downspouts onto lawns and away from paved surfaces, or direct into a rain barrel or rain garden.
- Take your car to the car wash, or park it on the grass to wash so that cleaners don’t run off into storm drains.
- Compost yard waste leaves and grass. Don’t dump them into ditches or waterways.
- Never pour any kind of household chemical, oil, paint, or other waste into the storm drain.

Stormwater issue

As we replace our natural landscapes with asphalt, buildings, and roadways, stormwater can’t soak into the ground.