

NEW WISCONSIN STORMWATER RULES

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Many communities with storm sewer systems are required to obtain state permits before discharging stormwater to State streams and lakes. These permits are required by Federal Clean Water ACT (CWA) and State laws and are administered by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The DNR implements the rules through Chapter NR 216 of the Administrative Code.

Communities must meet the 6 minimum control measures:

- Public education and outreach
- Illicit discharge detection and elimination
- Construction site runoff control
- Post-construction runoff control
- Pollution prevention/good housekeeping
- Public participation and involvement

The goal is to reduce stormwater pollution as it impacts runoff on local streams and lakes. Public awareness and education can reduce polluted runoff from their yards, community areas and other private lands. It can also change daily activities and behaviors that contribute significantly to non-point source pollution. Some sources can include automobiles, pets, use of lawn and garden fertilizers and pesticides, household hazardous waste and household practices.

More information will be available in the coming months as public education and outreach programs are developed. For further information, please contact the Engineering Department at 920-262-4040.