

**Borough of Collingswood,  
Camden County**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1346**

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF WASTE IN THE BOROUGH OF COLLINGSWOOD'S STORM SEWER SYSTEM, SO AS TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, AND TO PRESCRIBE PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Borough Commissioners of the BOROUGH OF COLLINGSWOOD that:

**1. DEFINITIONS:**

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- a. Municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) – a conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, manmade channels, or storm drains) that is owned or operated by the Borough of Collingswood or other public body, and is designed and used for collecting and conveying stormwater.
- b. Person – any individual, corporation, company partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.
- c. Stormwater – water resulting from precipitation (including rain and snow) that runs off the land's surface, is transmitted to the subsurface, is captured by separate storm sewers or other sewerage or drainage facilities, or is conveyed by snow removal equipment.

**II. PROHIBITED CONDUCT:**

The spilling, dumping, or disposal of materials other than stormwater to the municipal separate stormwater system operated by the Borough of Collingswood is prohibited. The spilling, dumping, or disposal of materials other than stormwater in such a manner as to cause the discharge of pollutants to the municipal separate storm sewer system is also prohibited.

**III. EXCEPTIONS TO PROHIBITION:**

- a. Water line flushing and discharges from potable water sources

- b. Uncontaminated ground water (e.g. infiltration, crawl space or basement sump pumps, (foundation of footing drains, rising ground waters)
- c. Air conditioning condensation (excluding and non-contact cooling water)
- d. Irrigation water (including landscape and lawn watering runoff)
- e. Flows from springs, riparian habitats and wetlands, water reservoir discharges and diverted stream flows
- f. Residential car washing water, and residential swimming pool discharges
- g. Sidewalk, driveway and street wash water
- h. Flows from fire fighting activities
- i. Flows from rinsing of the following equipment with clean water:
  - Beach maintenance equipment immediately following their use for their intended purposes; and
  - Equipment used in the application of salt and de-icing materials immediately following salt and de-icing material applications. Prior to rinsing with clean water, all residual salt and de-icing materials must be removed from the equipment and vehicles to the maximum extent practicable using dry cleaning methods (e.g. shoveling and sweeping). Recovered materials are to be returned to storage for reuse or properly discarded.
  - Rinsing of equipment as noted in the above situation is limited to exterior, undercarriage, and exposed parts and does not apply to engines or other enclosed machinery.

#### **IV. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTY:**

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00

#### **V. SEVERABILITY:**

Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause, or reason, shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

#### **VI. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as may be required by law.

**ADOPTED: September 7, 2004**