

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE
Sussex County, New Jersey

ORDINANCE No. 05-2025

**AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE CHAPTER 14B
MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM
IN THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE TO
PREVENT SPILLING, DUMPING OR DISPOSAL OF UNWANTED MATERIALS
INTO THE MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection requires that all municipalities take measures to prevent unwanted contaminants from entering into the Township’s municipal separate storm sewer system. In order to comply with the requirements of the Township of Wantage’s Municipal Stormwater General Permit, the Township Committee wishes to amend the revised general ordinances to address prohibited discharges into the Township’s municipal separated storm sewer system; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Wantage Township Committee that Chapter 14B, Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System, is hereby created as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 14B, Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System is created to include the following:

§14B-1 Purpose

The purpose of this chapter is to prohibit illicit connections to the municipal separate storm sewer system(s) operated by the Wantage Township to protect the environment, public health, safety, and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

§14B-2 Definitions:

For the purpose of this chapter, 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 consistent 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.

Domestic sewage - Waste and wastewater from humans or household operations that is discharged to or otherwise enters a treatment works.

Illicit Connection - Any physical or non-physical connection that discharges the following to a municipal separate storm sewer system (unless that discharge is authorized under a NJPDES permit other than the NJPDES permit for discharges from that system):

1. Domestic sewage;

2. Non-contact cooling water, process wastewater, or other industrial waste (other than stormwater); or
3. Any category of non-stormwater discharges that a permittee for the MS4 identifies as a source or significant contributor of pollutants pursuant to 40 C.F.R. 122.26(d)(2)(iv)(B)(1) or 122.34(b)(3)(iii).
4. Non-physical connections may include, but are not limited to, leaks, flows, or overflows into the municipal separate storm sewer system.

Industrial Waste - Non-domestic waste, including, but not limited to, those pollutants regulated under Section 307(a), (b), or (c) of the Federal Clean Water Act.

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 [insert name of municipality] or other public body, and is designed and used for collecting and conveying stormwater. NOTE: In municipalities with combined sewer systems, add the following: “MS4s do not include combined sewer systems, which are sewer systems that are designed to carry sanitary sewage at all times and to collect and transport stormwater from streets and other sources.”

NJPDES Permit - A permit issued by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to implement the New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) rules at N.J.A.C. 7:14A.

Non-Contact Cooling Water - Water used to reduce temperature for the purpose of cooling. Such waters do not come into direct contact with any raw material, intermediate product (other than heat) or finished product. Non-contact cooling water may however contain algaecides, or biocides to control fouling of equipment such as heat exchangers, and/or corrosion inhibitors.

Person - Any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.

Process wastewater - Any water which, during manufacturing or processing, comes into direct contact with or results from the production or use of any raw material, intermediate product, finished product, byproduct, or waste product. Process wastewater includes, but is not limited to, leachate and cooling water other than non-contact cooling water.

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.

§14B-3 Prohibited Discharges:

The spilling, dumping or disposal of materials other than stormwater directly into the municipal separated storm system (MS4) of the Township of Wantage is prohibited. The spilling, dumping or disposal of materials other than stormwater in such a manner as to cause the discharge of pollutants to indirectly enter the municipal separate storm sewer system is also prohibited.

§14B-4 Exceptions to Prohibited Discharges

- a. Potable water line flushing and discharges from potable water sources, excluding the discharge of filter backwash and first flush water from potable well development/redevelopment activities utilizing chemicals in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:9D. The volume of first flush water, which is a minimum of three times the volume of the well water column, shall be handled and disposed of properly;
- b. Uncontaminated ground water (e.g., infiltration, crawl space or basement sump pumps, foundation or footing drains, rising ground waters);
- c. Air conditioning condensate (excluding contact and non-contact cooling water; and industrial refrigerant condensate);
- d. Irrigation water (including landscape and lawn watering runoff);
- e. Flows from springs, riparian habitats, wetlands, water reservoir discharges and diverted stream flows;
- f. Residential car washing water and dechlorinated swimming pool discharges from single family residential homes;
- g. Sidewalk, driveway, and street wash water;
- h. Flows from firefighting activities including the washing of fire fighting vehicles;
- i. Flows from clean water rinsing of beach maintenance equipment immediately following use and only if the equipment is used for its intended purpose;
- j. Rinsing of beach maintenance equipment is limited to exterior, undercarriage, and exposed parts and does not apply to engines or other enclosed machinery.
- k. Flows from clean water rinsing of equipment and vehicles used in the application of salt and deicing materials. Prior to rinsing, all equipment shall be cleaned using

dry methods such as shoveling and sweeping. Recovered materials are to be returned to storage or properly discarded; and

1. Rinsing of deicing equipment is limited to exterior, undercarriage, and exposed parts and does not apply to engines or other enclosed machinery.

§14B-5 Illicit Connections

No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged through an illicit connection to the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) operated by the **Wantage Township** any domestic sewage, non-contact cooling water, process wastewater, or other industrial waste other than stormwater without a NJPDES permit.

§14B-6 Enforcement:

The Township Administrator, through the Road Department Superintendent and/or Zoning Officer, shall enforce the provisions of this section. It shall be unlawful for any reason to violate any part of this section adopted by the Township of Wantage Committee.

§14B-7 Violations and Penalties:

Any person who continues to be in violation of this chapter, after being notified in writing, shall be liable to a penalty not to exceed \$1,250 for each day on which the violation exists.

SECTION 2. 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.

SECTION 3. 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.

Ron Bassani, Mayor
Township of Wantage

ATTEST:

Melissa Morales, Municipal Clerk
Township of Wantage

NOTICE is hereby given that the above ordinance was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, held on the 23rd day of January, 2025. It will be further considered for final passage after public hearing at a meeting of the Mayor and Committee to be held in the Municipal Building, 888 Route 23 South, in the Township of Wantage, on February 13th, 2025 at 7:00 P.M., and during the preceding week copies of the ordinance will be made available at the Clerk's office in the Municipal Building to members of the general public.

Melissa Morales, Municipal Clerk