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STORM DRAIN STENCILING AIMS TO REDUCE WATER POLLUTION

You may have recently seen Airport Maintenance personnel marking Storm Water inlets located on Airport property. We are participating in a project to alert residents and tenants that dumping in storm drains pollutes lakes, rivers, bays, and streams. The Reading Regional Airport is sponsoring this project as part of its effort to reduce nonpoint source pollution.

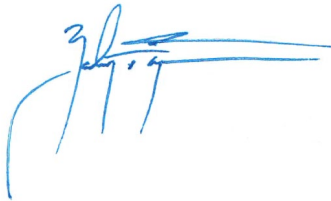
Much of the pollution in area streams and lakes comes from common every-day materials, like household chemicals, fertilizers, pesticides, gasoline, used motor oil, antifreeze and litter. These substances are washed by rainwater from our streets, yards, driveways and parking lots into storm drain inlets. Contrary to what people think, these storm drains don't lead to wastewater treatment plants. They carry untreated storm water directly into area lakes and streams.

Deliberate dumping of hazardous materials into storm sewers makes pollution problems worse. Motor oil is often dumped down storm drains, yet just one quart can ruin the quality of 250,000 gallons of water. Dumping oil and other hazardous substances is illegal in Pennsylvania. Tenants and residents are encouraged to recycle these materials instead.

The stenciled message (No Dumping – Drains to River) is there to remind tenants not to dump waste into storm sewers or contribute more pollutants to ordinary storm water runoff by littering, over-fertilizing or sweeping yard debris into streets. Storm drain stenciling has been used successfully in other cities to reduce nonpoint source pollution.

Every tenant has a role in preventing pollution. Please do your part to help keep our rivers clean. **For more Storm Water Outreach Materials go to the EPA website:** <https://www.epa.gov/nps> or contact our office at 610-372-4666.

Thank you,



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