

Village of East Hazel Crest

Storm Water Pollution Control

As required by the U.S.E.P.A., the Village has adopted a storm water control plan. This plan consists of 6 measures that are required by the E.P.A.

The Village has a unique system of draining the storm waters from the Village. On the eastside of town, residents are served by a ditch system. This system collects the water and forwards it into the Illinois Toll Authority's ditch system. This basic setup allows for the water to be held in the ditch while moving the flow northwards.

Residents are asked yearly to keep the ditches and their culverts clear of debris so this water can flow properly. The maintenance of the ditch and culvert by code are the responsibility of each resident it serves. Residents are asked not to dump anything into the ditch system and to report to the Village on any violators who willfully contribute to the pollution of the waters.

The residents on the Westside of town are served by a storm water piping system that runs to the Toll Authority's ditch and also to the Department of Transportations system on Park Ave. These residents are responsible for the system that exists on their property. The Village maintains the street system. These residents are also asked to report any violators dumping any material into the sewers.

The water that is produced from rain and snow melt off flow into the channels that eventually empty into Lake Michigan.

The E.P.A. took a stance in 2003 to protect our water resources and has made it the responsibility of every community to assist in its efforts to cease illegal dumping into our waters.

What Can We Do to Protect Our Waters

The Village asks that the public report any violators to the Village as soon as possible. They can contact any of the numbers below when a violation occurs.

Village Hall 708-798-0213

Public Works 708-798-2017

Police non-emergency 708-798-2071

Residents on the eastside can maintain their ditch and culvert by keeping leaves and garbage out of the ditch. Residents on the Westside can keep the storm grates that exist on their property free and clear of debris. If there is more water on one side of your culvert than the other, then there is a problem that might exist. Call **Public Works** and we will detail what is required to correct the problem.

If you have household chemicals, oils, old paint, etc. then there are ways to dispose of these items. Please contact **Public Works** for these options.

Rain barrels are a great way to save on watering costs and help control the water runoff. Contact **Public Works** for these options.

Remember what little time it takes for someone to stop illicit dumping, it will take centuries of our environment to cure.

Get Involved With The Community And Help Protect The Future