

# What is Stormwater?

Stormwater is water which falls to the ground during a rain or snow storm.

## Why is clean Stormwater important?

Clean stormwater is important because it is the source of the water you use to drink, shower and cook with!

## Ways to Keep Stormwater Clean

There are many ways you can help keep stormwater clean. Specifically, builders use certain materials and designs to create what is known as Best Management Practices. Examples of Best Management Practices are shown in the picture below. These methods include Green Roofs, Permeable Pavement and Detention Basins.



GREEN ROOF

RAINWATER COLLECTION

## STORMWATER BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES



## What is Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)?

An MS4 is a state, city, town, borough, county, parish, district, association, or other public body that contains a drainage system which conveys only stormwater. The drainage system is made up of curbs, gutters, basins, storm pipes, ditches, swales and municipal streets.

The system Does Not include pipes that convey sanitary sewer.

Reverse side is a map of Berks County municipalities which are identified as an MS4.

## Who is the Berks County MS4 Steering Committee?



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The Berks County MS4 Steering Committee is an intergovernmental committee made of Berks County Municipalities and three Cooperative Education Partners which include the Berks County Planning Commission, Berks Nature and the Berks County Conservation District. The Cooperative Education partners and the municipalities work together to educate everyone on why clean stormwater is important.

To learn more about stormwater and see what the Steering Committee has done please visit our youtube page at:

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