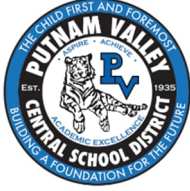


# Newsletter No. 1

## Stormwater Runoff



### **Putnam Valley Central School District**

171 Oscawana Lake Road  
Putnam Valley, NY 10579

#### **What is Stormwater Runoff?**

Stormwater runoff is water from rain or melting snow that doesn't soak into the ground but runs off into waterways. Stormwater can flow from paved areas, roofs, bare soil, and down sloping lawns. The quality of runoff is affected by a variety of factors and can be dependant upon, weather, the season, local geography, and land use.

#### **What Are the Problems?**

As it flows, stormwater runoff carries pollutants like nutrients, bacteria, oil, sediment, chemicals, and trash into waterways, causing oxygen depletion, habitat destruction, health hazards, and ecosystem imbalance. These contaminants harm aquatic life, degrade water quality, and diminish the safety and beauty of natural environments.



#### **What Can We Do?**

The best way to control pollutants carried by stormwater is usually at the source before pollutants can be conveyed to surface water. Sometimes, significant improvements can be made by employing best management practices (BMPs), such as proper storage of chemicals, good housekeeping, and paying attention to what's happening during runoff events can lead to relatively inexpensive ways of preventing pollutants from getting into the runoff and our waterways.

The community is encouraged to be involved in Putnam Valley Central School District's Stormwater Management Program.

If you notice potential pollutants being carried by stormwater runoff, please contact the Stormwater Program Coordinator:

David Spittal  
Director of Operations and Transportation  
(845) 526-7856  
[dspittal@pvcsd.com](mailto:dspittal@pvcsd.com)

#### References

<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/water/water-quality/stormwater>

