WHAT is MS4?

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) is a system of infrastructure designed to collect and convey stormwater runoff in urban areas. MS4s include a network of drains, pipes, ditches, and other channels that direct rainwater and melted snow into local water bodies, such as rivers, lakes, or oceans. This is completely separate from the sanitary sewer system that is provided by the Bath Water Authority, which is a separate entity from the Borough of Bath.

The goal of an MS4 is to manage stormwater efficiently while minimizing pollution and the risk of flooding. MS4s are subject to regulations that require the implementation of best management practices (BMPs) to reduce the discharge of contaminants like debris, chemicals, and sediment into waterways, which helps protect water quality and the environment. The amount of impervious surface on a property directly impacts the costs associated with stormwater management and environmental mitigation. Impervious surfaces are man-made structures that do not allow water to penetrate through them, leading to increased runoff during rainfall events. We remind you - ALL WILL BE SUBJECT TO THIS UPCOMING FEE - property owners; businesses; schools churches...everyone. Credits may be available to you - all requests must go through the Bath Stormwater Authority.

Please note, MS4 is a MANDATE from the State of Pennsylvania and the Federal EPA.

For further information or questions, the Bath Stormwater Authority meets the 4th Monday of the month at 6pm at Borough Hall, 121 South Walnut Street, Bath.



