

*Township of Little Egg Harbor, NJ
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Chapter 296. Storm Sewer System

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Little Egg Harbor; see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Sewers — See Ch. 282.

Article I. Definitions

§ 296-1. Definitions and word usage.

- A. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.
- B. As used in this chapter, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning:

DOMESTIC SEWAGE

Waste and wastewater from humans or household operations.

ILLICIT CONNECTION

Any physical or nonphysical connection that discharges domestic sewage, noncontact cooling water, process wastewater, or other industrial waste (other than stormwater) to the municipal separate storm sewer system operated by the Township of Little Egg Harbor, unless that discharge is authorized under a NJPDES permit other than the Tier A Municipal Stormwater General Permit (NJPDES Permit Number NJ0141852). Nonphysical connections may include, but are not limited to, leaks, flows, or overflows into the municipal separate storm sewer system.

INDUSTRIAL WASTE

Nondomestic waste, including, but not limited to, those pollutants regulated under Section 307(a), (b), or (c) of the Federal Clean Water Act [33 U.S.C. § 1317(a), (b), or (c)].

MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4)

A conveyance, or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, man-made channels, or storm drains), that is owned or operated by the Township of Little Egg Harbor or other public body, and is designed and used for collecting and conveying stormwater.

NJPDES PERMIT

A permit issued by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to implement the New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) rules at N.J.A.C. 7:14A.

NONCONTACT COOLING WATER

Water used to reduce temperature for the purpose of cooling. Such waters do not come into direct contact with any raw material, intermediate product (other than heat), or finished product.

Noncontact cooling water may however contain algaecides, or biocides to control fouling of equipment such as heat exchangers and/or corrosion inhibitors.

PERSON

Any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this state subject to municipal jurisdiction.

PROCESS WASTEWATER

Any water which, during manufacturing or processing, comes into direct contact with, or results from, the production or use of any raw material, intermediate product, finished product, byproduct, or waste product. Process wastewater includes, but is not limited to, leachate and cooling water other than noncontact cooling water.

STORMWATER

Water resulting from precipitation (including rain and snow) that runs off the land's surface, is transmitted to the subsurface, is captured by separate storm sewers or other sewerage or drainage facilities, or is conveyed by snow removal equipment.

Article II. Improper Disposal of Waste

§ 296-2. Purpose.

The purpose of this article is to prohibit the spilling, dumping, or disposal of materials other than stormwater, to the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) that is owned or operated by the Township of Little Egg Harbor, or other public body, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply.

§ 296-3. Prohibited conduct.

The spilling, dumping or disposal of materials other than stormwater to the municipal separate storm sewer system in the Township of Little Egg Harbor is prohibited. The spilling, dumping, or disposal of materials other than stormwater in such a manner as to cause the discharge of pollutants to the municipal separate storm sewer system is also prohibited.

§ 296-4. Exceptions to prohibition.

- A. Water line flushing and discharges from potable water sources.
- B. Uncontaminated groundwater (e.g., infiltration, crawl space or basement sump pumps, foundation or footing drains, rising groundwaters).
- C. Air-conditioning condensate (excluding contact and noncontact cooling water).
- D. Irrigation water (including landscape and lawn watering runoff).
- E. Flows from springs, riparian habitats and wetlands, water reservoir discharges, and diverted stream flows.
- F. Residential car washing water and residential swimming pool discharges.
- G. Sidewalk, driveway and street wash water.
- H. Flows from fire-fighting activities.
- I. Flows from rinsing of the following equipment with clean water:

- (1) Beach maintenance equipment immediately following their use for their intended purposes; and
- (2) Equipment used in the application of salt and de-icing materials immediately following salt and de-icing material applications. Prior to rinsing with clean water, all residual salt and de-icing materials must be removed from equipment and vehicles to the maximum extent practicable using dry cleaning methods (e.g., shoveling and sweeping). Recovered materials are to be returned to storage for reuse or properly discarded. Rinsing of equipment, as noted in the above situation, is limited to exterior, undercarriage, and exposed parts, and does not apply to engines or other enclosed machinery.

Article III. Illicit Connection

§ 296-5. Purpose.

The purpose of this article is to prohibit illicit connections to the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) that is owned or operated by the Township of Little Egg Harbor, or other public body, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply.

§ 296-6. Prohibited conduct.

No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged through an illicit connection to the municipal separate storm sewer system in the Township of Little Egg Harbor, any domestic sewage, noncontact cooling water, process wastewater, or other industrial waste (other than stormwater).

Article IV. Enforcement and Penalties

§ 296-7. Enforcement.

This chapter shall be enforced by the Police Department and/or the Code Enforcement Officer of Township of Little Egg Harbor.

§ 296-8. Violations and penalties.

- A. Any person violating or failing to comply with any other provision of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by fine of no less than \$100 and no more than \$1,250, by imprisonment not to exceed 90 days or by community service of not more than 90 days, or any combination of fine, imprisonment and community service, as determined in the discretion of the Municipal Court Judge. The continuation of such violation for each successive day shall constitute a separate offense, and the person or persons allowing or permitting the continuation of the violation may be punished as provided above for each separate offense.
- B. The violation of any provision of this chapter shall be subject to abatement summarily by a restraining order or injunction issued by a court of competent jurisdiction.