

# Guide to MS4

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System

June 2023 Edition



## Garage Clean Out...Now What?

**Every Spring we do it, we head into that garage, shed or basement and explore all of those items we do not use but have no idea how to get rid of.**

Has it happened to you? You move into a house only to find a few cans of paint left from the previous owner, hidden away in the far corner of the garage or the basement. I don't know about you, but in my house the cans that were left behind were the colors that I was least fond of in the house. I will never be using those colors. Disposing of Household Hazardous Waste properly is important to all waterways. Dumping these items down a drain is not proper disposal. Storm drains are directly connected to local waterways, specifically the Chesapeake Bay, and Wastewater Treatment Plants are designed to manage organic material not hazardous chemicals. Cumberland County has a HHW event each quarter to allow for proper disposal. Contact the County for more information at [www.cumberlandcountypa.gov](http://www.cumberlandcountypa.gov). June 17th, 2023 will be the next drop off event in Cumberland County.

## Acceptable Items for HHW Recycling at Cumberland County Drop Off Site

- Pesticides, Insecticides, Herbicides, Fertilizers
- Oil-based paint, stains, varnishes, sealers
- Oil-based paint cleaners, thinners, removers
- Latex paint & paint related products
- driveway sealers
- adhesives, glues, epoxies, caulking, sealants
- gasoline, diesel fuel, kerosene
- motor oil
- antifreeze, car care products
- lubricating sprays
- pool chemicals
- drain cleaners, degreasers, oven cleaners
- fire extinguishers
- propane cylinders (up to 20 pounds)
- hydrochloric acid, sulfuric acid, & other acids
- mercury, mercury containing devices
- fluorescent light tubes & bulbs
- automotive batteries