

BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE
County of Bergen
State of New Jersey

ORDINANCE #831-2006

AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE SPILLING, DUMPING OR DISPOSAL OF MATERIALS OTHER THAN STORMWATER TO THE MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) OPERATED BY THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE

WHEREAS, there exists a need to amend the Code of the Borough of Northvale;
and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Tier A Municipal Stormwater Master Permit requires the Borough to adopt and enforce certain specific Ordinances to prohibit the Improper disposal of waste;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale that the Code of the Borough of Northvale be amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Purpose.

The purpose of this ordinance is to prohibit the spilling, dumping, or disposal of materials other than stormwater to the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) operated by the Borough of Northvale, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare of the residents of Northvale and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply with the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 2. Definitions.

For the purpose of this ordinance, 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. 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.

- a. “MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4)” - a conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, manmade channels, or storm drains) that is owned or operated by the Borough of Northvale or other public body, and is designed and used for collecting and conveying stormwater.

- b. “PERSON” – any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.
- c. “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.

SECTION 3. Prohibited Conduct.

The spilling, dumping, or disposal of materials other than stormwater to the municipal separate storm sewer system operated by The Borough of Northvale 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.

SECTION 4. Exceptions to Prohibition.

- a. Waterline flushing and discharges from potable water sources.
- b. Uncontaminated ground water (e.g., infiltration, crawl space or basement sump pumps, foundation or footing drains, rising ground waters).
- c. Air conditioning condensate (excluding contact and non-contact 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:
 - 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.

SECTION 5. Enforcement.

The Police Department and the Code Enforcement Officer of Borough Northvale shall enforce the provisions of this Article.

SECTION 6. Violations and Penalty.

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000.

SECTION 7. Severability.

Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause, or reason, shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. Effective date.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as may be required by law.

JOHN E. ROONEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Wanda A. Worner
Borough Clerk

Introduced: July 12, 2006

Passed: August 23, 2006