

# What you can do to prevent Non Point Source Pollution

- Clean up after your pet. Pet wastes that reach our harbors and bays can cause beach closings and shell fishing bans.
- Have your septic system inspected and pumped, at a minimum, every 3-5 years so that it operates properly. Leaking septic systems can pollute our waters.
- Don't feed the geese and other waterfowl it encourages them to depart from their natural annual migration and creates a mess on our lawns, athletic fields and golf courses and contributes pollution to our ponds and bays.
- Keep litter, leaves, sand and debris out of street gutters and storm drains--these outlets drain directly to lake, streams, rivers, and wetlands.
- Apply lawn and garden chemicals sparingly and according to directions.
- Purchase household detergents and cleaners that are low in phosphorous to reduce the amount of nutrients discharged into our bays, streams and coastal waters.
- Dispose of used oil, antifreeze, paints, and other household chemicals properly at the Town S.T.O.P. facility, not in storm sewers or drains.
- Clean up spilled brake fluid, oil, grease, and antifreeze. Do not hose them into the street where they can eventually reach local streams and bays.
- Control soil erosion on your property by planting ground cover and stabilizing erosion-prone areas.
- Report Illegal Pumping, dumping or direct connection to a drain or waterway to the **Nassau County Illicit Discharge Hotline (516) 571-6863**