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In our effort to become a certified Sustainable Community, the Borough of Bay Head is providing residents with the following important information. This information will serve as a reminder of responsibilities per Borough ordinances (available at <http://www.ecode360.com>) and also as a resource that is meant to be helpful. The Mayor and Council wishes to thank the many volunteers who serve on the various boards, commissions and committees to make Bay Head a beautiful place in which to live. The door to Borough Hall is always open, at 83 Bridge Avenue. Tele: 732-892-0636

Flood Information:

All properties in Bay Head Borough are in or near a special flood hazard area otherwise known as the 100 Year Flood Plain (USGS Map Link). With the Atlantic Ocean to our East, by-seceted by Scow Ditch and Twilight Lake, and our location at the head of Barnegat Bay puts our community at risk for flooding during storms.

Our ocean front dunes are the first line of defense during a storm/flood event. We have adopted Ord. No.1993-8, Article II (amended as Ord. No. 2010-10) in an effort to protect and preserve our dune system. Oceanfront homeowners are required to install snow fence and dune grasses that help to build the dune. Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders supplies the Borough with some snow fence and dune grass for distribution to oceanfront homeowners. Residents and civic groups often help plant dune grass at beach street ends in the autumn. This effort is organized by the Dept. of public works and the Bay Head Environmental Commission.

Inform yourself of the flood hazard area that your property is in. FEMA issued a revised Flood Plan Map for our Borough in 2006. FEMA has also recently issued Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps. The revised map can be reviewed at the Borough Hall or at

http://floodmaps.fema.gov/prelim/PrelimData/New%20Jersey/Ocean%20County/prelim_issue_date-2015-01-30/FIRM/. Assistance is available at Borough Hall to determine what zone your property is in **the floodplain (VE, AE, or X) and what the BFE is for your property.** Contact the Borough Clerk, Patty Applegate at 732-892-0636 for assistance. Elevation certificates for new or substantially improved structures are also available for viewing at Borough Hall.

All building development is subject to Local Building Permits that are subject to the Regulations of building in a Flood Plain. The laws of the state require that permits be issued for all building, alterations to a building, and grading and filling of any properties. Always contact the Building Department to determine that your project meets the requirements of the building ordinances and codes and secure the required permits and approval before beginning your project.

Always check with the Borough's Building Department before you build, alter, regrade, or add fill on your property. New buildings in the flood plain must be protected from flood damage. Substantial improvement or repair of substantial damage to your home will be treated as a new building. Contact the Building Department to determine if a proposed repair, reconstruction, or addition must be protected. The best way to minimize storm damage to your home is to raise it on pilings so that the lowest floor is at or above your base flood elevation. Your flood insurance premiums could be significantly reduced if your house is elevated. Flood Protection Assistance on retrofitting your property, sewer/drainage

problems or information on specific flood related data is available by calling Todd Morgano of the Borough's Building Department at 732 892-0638.

The Bay Head Reading Center has many publications dealing with flood related topics, such as, flood profiling, elevated structures, flood maps, flood emergency procedures, flood insurance, retrofitting properties and flood hazard mitigation.

Flood Insurance:

The Borough of Bay Head is participating with the Federal Insurance Agency in the Community Rating System, that has resulted in a reduction in rates. Over 80% of the boroughs homeowners carry Federal Flood Insurance. All property owners in the Borough are advised to carry flood insurance coverage in that Homeowners Insurance Policies do not cover flooding and flood related damages to your property. Since the Borough is in the Federal Flood Insurance Program, insurance coverage is available for single-family dwellings and contents coverage. All property owners are strongly urged to carry flood insurance. Please note, there is a 30-day waiting period before coverage takes effect. Contact your Insurance Agent or the National Flood Insurance Program @ 1-800-638-6620. What's the flood elevation of my property? You can obtain a Flood Elevation Certificate from your Surveyor which is required by the insurance company

Storms and Flooding:

In the event of severe storms as forecast by the National Weather Service, it is advisable to monitor conditions by tuning into local radio stations such as WOBM 1160 AM, WOBM 92.7 FM, WJRZ 100.1FM or WJRZ 101.5 FM, the Weather Channel 32 on Comcast TV, or the Internet. In a storm or other event the Ocean County Sheriff's Department notifies the Bay Head Emergency Management Office to alert and instruct residents on actions to be taken to prepare for the event or evacuation.

If warranted, our police and emergency management staff will use P.A. system and automated communication system to alert and instruct residents to evacuate. Also please check the web-site for instructions at www.bayheadnj.us. If someone in your home would need to be evacuated by ambulance, please notify the Police Department in advance.

Homeowners Responsibilities:

Many Publications are available dealing with Storm and Flood Related Topics at the Bay Head and Ocean County Library and online. There are programs offered by the Ocean County Sheriff's Department to train Civilian Emergence Response Team members and can be taken by those interested it what to do in an emergency but haven't the time to join a Team. Knowledge of what to do is as important as what not to do in preparing and responding to a storm or other event.

The first response by a homeowner as suggested by the Federal Insurance Administration are:

- Turn off electrical power at the electric panel or the disconnect switch near the meter.
- Close the main gas valve at the meter.
- Move household items to the highest level of the structure.
- Secure yard furniture and other materials from blowing around.

If you evacuate your home avoid walking and driving in water. Stay clear of downed wires. Have an evacuation plan and utilize the following suggestions:

- Vehicles are fueled and ready for the conditions present.
- Nonperishable food and water for members of your group for 24 hrs. minimum.
- First aid supplies and personal medications.
- Cellular telephone and car charger.
- Temporary lighting, batteries or fuel.
- Additional clothing and shoes for all.

Cash, checks and credit cards.
Important papers, valuables and cherished items.
Games, cards or other forms of entertainment for adults and children.

Our Environment - What is storm water pollution?:



Whether you call it storm water pollution, polluted runoff, people pollution, watershed pollution or nonpoint source pollution, it all boils down to the same problem: Pollution of our bay, lake and ocean.

As storm water travels across lawns, parking lots, gardens, roofs, and roadways, it picks up trash (such as candy wrappers, cigarette butts and cups) and other less visible pollutants (such as gasoline, motor oil, antifreeze, fertilizers, pesticides and pet waste). This polluted runoff flows directly into storm drains, rivers, lakes, streams and the ocean. Once polluted runoff reaches the water, it can contaminate drinking water supplies, kill fish and other wildlife, and force the closing of bathing beaches because of health threats to swimmers. Human activity is largely responsible for the storm water pollution. Everything that we put on the ground or into the storm drain can end up in our water. Each of us has a responsibility to make sure these contaminants stay out of our water. Whether we have clean water is up to you. But there is good news - you have the power to stop your contribution to storm water pollution and keep your environment clean. Simple changes can make a tremendous difference. Here are just a few ways you can help:

Solutions to Storm water Pollution:

Never throw **litter** in streets or down storm drains. Place litter, including cigarette butts in receptacles.

Use less **fertilizer**. Do a soil test to see if fertilizers are necessary... Avoid the overuse of fertilizers and do not apply them before a heavy rainfall. Fertilizers contain nutrients that, in abundance, cause blooms of algae that can lead to fish kills.

Use alternatives to **pesticides** whenever possible, follow the label directions carefully. Many household products made are also toxic to humans, animals, aquatic organisms and plants.

Pick up after your pet and properly dispose of waste, not the storm drain. **Animal wastes** contain bacteria and viruses that can contaminate shellfish and cause the closing of bathing beaches and cause unsightly algae blooms that can lead to fish kills.

Do not feed **ducks and geese** and other waterfowl because it causes them to concentrate in small areas resulting in concentrated animal waste.

Dispose of **household hazardous waste** properly. Do not pour down any drain toilet or discard with the regular household trash. Use natural and less toxic alternatives whenever possible.

Wash your car only when necessary. Consider using a commercial **car wash**, if you wash your car at home use a non-phosphate detergent and do it on your lawn.

Use marine sanitation devices and pump-out facilities when boating. Observe no discharge zones. Dumping boat sewage overboard introduces bacteria and viruses into the water.

Your everyday activities can affect your water. You can help reduce the amount of pollution in our water. Just being concerned about the environment is not enough; now you can help improve it!

Household Garbage: Information

May 1 through September 30: the entire town south of Bridge Avenue will be collected on Monday and Thursday. The entire town north of Bridge Avenue will be collected on Tuesday and Friday. Bridge Avenue will be collected on Tuesday and Friday.

October 1 through April 30: the entire town will be collected on Monday and Thursday.

Private dwelling collection receptacles and containers must be located in the rear or side yard of the structure, screened from public view from the street or alley. (Ord. 2009-11, sec 204-5).

Garbage should be placed in plastic bags – limit of three. Bags should be in a plastic or metal collection receptacle with cover.

REMINDERS OF EXISTING BOROUGH CODE:

Dumpsters must be covered at all times and must be situated on private property.

Every house in the Borough needs to have the address number affixed in such a way and size to be clearly visible from the street in both the day and night time.

No signs or other advertising structures are permitted within the Borough. (Exceptions can be found in Chapter 147-14 of the Borough Code.)

Borough Ordinances prohibit homeowners and landscape contractors from sweeping or blowing of leaves, grass clippings and soil into the roadways and storm drains.

Vehicles and other items must not block the sidewalks.

CHAPTER 157 of the Borough Code Recent Amendments:

Anybody who desires to store a boat on their property outside of a structure will need to obtain an annual permit from the Code Enforcement Officer. Boats must be on a trailer from July 1st through August 31st.

All vehicles and trailers must have a current registration.

PODS or similar storage devices may remain on private property for only five days.

Contractors/construction equipment of any kind, including, but not limited to, bulldozers, trailers, front-end loaders, or backhoes may not be parked on private property overnight. Equipment may remain overnight upon approval of the Code Enforcement Officer and such approval should be requested in advance during the construction permit process.

ROUTE 35 has been designated as a No Passing zone and is also a **Share The Road With Bikes**. Bicyclists should be treated as vehicles when traveling on Route 35.