

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ  
ORDINANCE NO. 7 - 2020**

**CHAPTER 289: AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING  
IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF WASTE**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Common Council of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey as follows:

**SECTION I. Purpose:**

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 City of Northfield, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply.

**SECTION II. 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 City of Northfield 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 III. Prohibited Conduct:**

The spilling, dumping, or disposal of materials other than stormwater to the municipal separate storm sewer system operated by the City of Northfield 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 IV. Exceptions to Prohibition:**

- a) Water line 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) 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 V. Enforcement:**

This ordinance shall be enforced by the Northfield Police Department and/or such other Municipal Officials of the City of Northfield as deemed necessary.

#### **SECTION VI. Penalties:**

Any person(s) who continues to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance, after being duly notified, shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$2,000.00.

#### **SECTION VII. Provisions:**

Any ordinance or parts of ordinance inconsistent with this ordinance, are hereby repealed/amended to conform with definition.

#### **SECTION VIII. 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.

**EFFECTIVE DATE** – This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with law.

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Mary Canesi, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Erland Chau  
Mayor

The above Ordinance was passed on first reading at a Regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Northfield, New Jersey on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020, and will be taken up for a second reading, public hearing and final passage at a meeting of said council held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020, in Council Chambers, City Hall, Northfield, New Jersey.

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