



FORECASTED SNOWFALL AND ITS IMPACT ON LOCAL STORM DRAINS

Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority reminds residents to let it snow the “clean way.”

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, Pa. (December 15, 2022) Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority’s (WVSA) Stormwater Management Division today reminds local residents about the importance of properly managing melting snow on surfaces. Stormwater runoff comes in many forms, including thawing snow that can easily infiltrate into local storm drains while carrying pollutants and high volumes of water into nearby streams, our river, and other waterways.

Letting it snow the *clean way* calls for piling snow onto areas providing the most opportunity for ground infiltration and where water doesn’t pond, such as lawns. Also, an early sweep or shoveling of dry, powdery snow will help prevent the need for an abundance of deicers containing chloride that could be toxic to wildlife and plants.

Residents are also encouraged to avoid piling snow on top of storm drains or near water bodies and to clear any snow that may have landed onto neighboring drains. For more information on stormwater management and best practices for residents, visit wvsa.org/stormwater-management.

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