



Chapter 3

Synergies

Intersecting responsibilities between Storm Water Management requirements, Recycling requirements, and Clean Communities.

Annual notification

According to storm water management practices, each municipality must annually inform its residents about storm water issues. The recycling regulations require municipalities to inform their residents twice a year about recycling. By combining the storm water information with the recycling information, printing, mailing, and management costs would be reduced and residents would be getting varied environmental information in one mailing.

Annual event

Storm water regulations require an annual event. Many towns already have an Earth Day celebration, or a "Insert municipality name" Day or other public centered activity. They already use this event as a way to reinforce recycling and anti-littering activities. Storm water information can be disseminated at these events as well.

Enforcement

Enforcement is mentioned many times in the storm water, management information. By requiring the inspectors and code enforcement officials to do storm water and recycling/solid waste inspections at the same time, economy of scale is implemented. Local ordinances have to give inspectors and enforcement officials the ability to write summonses. Part time inspectors are a cost effective solution to the enforcement requirements.

Training

All employees have training requirements for their jobs. BBP, Right-to-know, lock-out tag-out and harassment training need to be refreshed annually. Training is a very specifically described component of compliance with storm water regulations. Training on litter ordinances for Clean Communities and for recycling ordinances for recycling could easily be added to the training schedule.

Ordinances

The most obvious connection between storm water and Clean Communities is through the litter ordinance that must be adopted. The goal of a strong litter ordinance is the same goal as exists for Clean Communities: less litter. The yard waste collection and containerized yard waste ordinances relate to recycling issues. Vegetative waste is a large part of the recycling number. The storm water ordinances are specific as to yard waste.