

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

- ◆ Local Police Department: 911
- ◆ N.J. Department of Environmental Protection
Hotline: 1-877-WARN-DEP
- ◆ N.Y. Department of Environmental Conservation
Hotline: 1-800-TIPP-DEC
- ◆ National Response Center for chemical and oil
spills: 1-800-424-8802

If the incident occurred on or near the water:

- ◆ US Coast Guard:
 - ◆ District One Command Center (NY & Northern NJ): 617-223-8555
 - ◆ District Five Command Center (Southern NJ): 757-398-6390
 - ◆ Sector Delaware Bay (Local Field Unit): 215-271-4940
 - ◆ VHF Radio Ch. 16 (Emergency only)

N.J. State Police Marine Unit:

Atlantic City: 609-441-3586
Bivalve: 856-785-1330
Burlington: 609-387-1221
Monmouth Beach: 732-842-7104
Newark Bay: 973-578-8173
North Wildwood: 609-522-0393
Ocean/Waretown: 609-387-1221
Point Pleasant: 732-899-5050

***** Report all environmental incidents to your county health department. *****

NJ/NY Coastal County Health Departments:

- ◆ NYC Department of Health: 800-698-0411
- ◆ Nassau County: 516-227-9697
- ◆ Suffolk County: 631-852-5760
- ◆ Monmouth County: 732-431-7456
- ◆ Ocean County: 732-341-9700
- ◆ Atlantic County: 609-645-5935
- ◆ Cape May County: 609-465-1187

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If You See It, Report It...

IF YOU SEE,

- ◆ Pollution, including chemical or oil spills, garbage wash-ups, or negligent construction sites
- ◆ Unusual or dangerous conditions, including fish kills, brown or red tides, or sewage leaks
- ◆ Illegal dumping into a storm drain or waterway, onto a beach, or in wetlands, fields, or forests
- ◆ Abandoned barrels or debris in a waterway, on a beach, or in wetlands, fields, or forests

...REPORT IT!

You Can Make a Difference in Your Community!



IF YOU SEE IT, REPORT IT!

Keep a watchful eye on your environment. If you see someone dumping materials on the ground, in or near waterways, or into storm drains, or observe pollution spills, garbage wash-ups, fish kills, or red/brown algal blooms take the following steps:

STEP 1. Record the Information

Who, What, When, and Where.

1. Date, time, and location (visual, street address, or GPS) of the incident.
2. Description of the incident (e.g. what type of waste was disposed, unusual conditions).
3. If people are involved, get a number and description of those involved, including vehicle, description and license plate.



4. Take photographs.

Do not confront individuals personally. Let the appropriate authorities respond.

Do not touch, taste, or smell any containers that were disposed. These containers could contain hazardous materials. Keep a safe distance, preferably upwind and uphill.

STEP 2. Report the Incident

See back for emergency phone numbers.

When calling an agency, ask for and record an “incident or case report number” before hanging up. This way you can track the incident and follow-up with each agency. Be sure to also report any water pollution incident to Clean Ocean Action at 732-872-0111.



STEP 3. Follow Up

Ensure the disposed material or problem is investigated and cleaned up.

Call state and local officials for updates on the clean-up, using the incident or case report number. If the party responsible for the disposal cannot be located, it becomes the responsibility of the property owner to clean it.

STEP 4. Get Involved

Encourage your federal, state, and local officials to be aggressive with investigating and prosecuting environmental offenders.

- ◆ Contact your legislators and urge them to make enforcement of environmental laws a priority.
- ◆ Write a personal letter – they really do make a difference.



STEP 5. Spread the Word

Contact your area newspapers and other media.

- ◆ Write letters to the Editor.
 - ◆ Join a local environmental organization or your town’s environmental commission.
- ◆ Share your concerns, learned lessons, an experiences with others.



You are the eyes and ears of your environment and community.

**Be a part of the solution —
play an active role to improve and
protect your environment.**