

§ 235-18. Purpose.

The purpose of this article is to require dumpsters and other refuse containers that are outdoors or exposed to stormwater to be covered at all times and to prohibit the spilling, dumping, leaking, or otherwise discharge of liquids, semiliquids or solids from the containers to the municipal separate storm sewer system(s) operated by the Township of Clinton and/or the waters of the state so as to protect the public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply.

§ 235-19. Definitions.

For the purposes of this article, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this article 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.

MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) — A conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, man-made channels or storm drains) that is owned or operated by the Township of Clinton or other public body and is designed and used for collecting and conveying stormwater.

PERSON — Any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association or political subdivision of this state subject to municipal jurisdiction.

REFUSE CONTAINER — Any waste container that a person controls whether owned, leased, or operated, including dumpsters, trash cans, garbage pails, and plastic trash bags.

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.

WATERS OF THE STATE — The ocean and its estuaries, all springs, streams and bodies of surface water or groundwater, whether natural or artificial, within the boundaries of the State of New Jersey or subject to its jurisdiction.

§ 235-20. Prohibited conduct.

- A. Any person who controls, whether owned, leased, or operated, a refuse container or dumpster must ensure that such container or dumpster is covered at all times and shall prevent refuse from spilling out or overflowing.
- B. Any person who owns, leases or otherwise uses a refuse container or dumpster must ensure that such container or dumpster does not leak or otherwise discharge liquids, semiliquids or solids to the municipal separate storm sewer system(s) operated by the Township of Clinton.

§ 235-21. Exceptions to prohibition.

- A. Permitted temporary demolition containers.
- B. Litter receptacles (other than dumpsters or other bulk containers).
- C. Individual homeowner trash and recycling containers.
- D. Refuse containers at facilities authorized to discharge stormwater under a valid NJPDES permit.
- E. Large bulky items (e.g., furniture, bound carpet and padding, white goods placed curbside for pickup).

§ 235-22. Enforcement.

This section shall be enforced by the Municipal Building Code Official or such other officer as may be designated by the Township of Clinton.

§ 235-23. Violations and penalties.

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this article shall be subject to a minimum fine of \$100 and a maximum fine of \$1,250, according to § 1-17 entitled "General penalty" of the Code of the Township of Clinton, 2003.