

# **Yard Waste Disposal Along Stream Banks and the Spring and Fall Clean Up Seasons.**

Residents who have property having direct access to one of the many streams, brooks and other open water channels within the Township are reminded that the condition of these waterways is critical to the effective conveyance of storm water runoff from the roadways and properties of the Township.

The Township, as part of our State issued storm water management permit, has adopted a mandated ordinance meant to protect these resources by preventing the dumping and/or disposal of anything other than storm water into these open waters. At the bottom of this page you will find a copy of the Township ordinance addressing this issue.

It is the property owners' responsibility to keep clean and maintain stream banks and to remove and dispose of the debris that has been deposited into these open waters. We ask that you collect and bag any yard waste that has been deposited along the tops or banks of the streams and any debris that has collected in the stream and place it at the curb in conjunction with your regular garbage pickup schedule. We also ask that you or your landscaper discontinue the deposit of yard waste in these areas or within any roadway inlets, as this is a code violation.

The full restoration of the open waters within the Township carries significant regulatory and financial burdens that may be under consideration at some future date. Your participation in this course of action will have far reaching impacts on the ability of these waterways to function until it is feasible to undertake the full restoration of open waters within the Township.

Excerpt from West Caldwell Revised General Ordinances  
Chapter XXI FLOOD PLAIN AND STORM WATER MANAGEMENT  
Section 7 PROVISIONS FOR FLOOD HAZARD REDUCTION

## 21-7.3 Floodways.

Located within areas of special flood hazard established in subsection 21-3.2 are areas designated as floodways. Since the floodway is an extremely hazardous area due to the velocity of flood waters which carry debris, potential projectiles, and erosion potential, the following provisions apply:

- a. Prohibit encroachments, including fill, new construction, substantial improvements, and other development unless a technical evaluation demonstrates that encroachment shall not result in any increase in flood levels during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.
- b. If subsection 21-7.3a is satisfied, all new construction and substantial improvements must comply with Section 21-7, Provisions for Flood Hazard Reductions.
- c. No one shall dispose of, or cause to be disposed of, any debris whatsoever, including leaves and grass clippings, into any watercourse.
- d. In all areas of special flood hazard in which base flood elevation data has been provided and no floodway has been designated, the cumulative effect of any proposed development, when

combined with all other existing and anticipated development, shall not increase the water surface elevation of the base flood more than two-tenths (0.2) of a foot at any point.  
(Ord. No. 812; Ord. No. 1461; Ord. No. 1605 § 4)