

### **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

### **Clean Ocean Action**

18 Hartshorne Drive, Suite 2  
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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.**