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# BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS NEWSLETTER

## MS4 BEST PRACTICES

### Downspout Disconnection



#### WHAT IS IT?

Traditionally, roof gutter downspouts were connected directly to underground storm drain pipes. Disconnecting the downspout allows the roof runoff to be managed right on your property, not allowing it to pick up any pollutants to carry downstream. Roof runoff can be directed to grassy lawn areas, to rain barrels and cisterns for reuse, or to an underground sump for infiltration.

Rain barrels and sumps are discussed separately. This section describes maintenance of roof runoff to a lawn area.

#### HOW DOES IT WORK?

When the gutter downspout is turned and allowed to drain into the yard, the stormwater can be filtered by the grass and infiltrated into the soil. Downspout disconnection reduces stormwater volume by allowing it to be used by plants (evapotranspiration) or infiltrated into the soil.

#### HOW DOES A HOMEOWNER MAINTAIN IT?

- ◆ Maintenance for a downspout draining to a lawn area is generally part of the typical yard maintenance.
- ◆ Mow the lawn in this area at the same time interval that the rest of the yard is mowed.
- ◆ Check for bare spots and reseed if needed.
- ◆ A splash guard or small pile of rocks may be needed at the location where the water leaves the drain to slow the water down and prevent erosion.
- ◆ The downspout could be directed to a rain garden rather than the lawn.

source: [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov)

For updates and information visit the Borough's website at [braddockhillspa.com](http://braddockhillspa.com)

- ◆ Meeting dates
- ◆ Current borough news
- ◆ Borough directory
- ◆ Forms
- ◆ Tax information
- ◆ Trash service
- ◆ Animal control
- ◆ Hard-to-recycle items
- ◆ Local events

**Things to do in Allegheny County this autumn**

- Pooches In The Pool
- Special Mansion Garden Tour
- Happy Feet Soccer
- Living Off The Land
- Natural History Guided Walk
- Guided Nature Walk
- Signs, Tracks & Homes
- Fall Foliage Hike
- Campfire Ghost Stories
- Map & Compass Scavenger Hunt & Hike
- Owl Prowl
- and much more!

VISIT THEIR WEBSITE AT [alleghenycounty.us/events.aspx](http://alleghenycounty.us/events.aspx)

FOR DATES, TIMES, LOCATIONS & DETAILS



# HUNTING PROHIBITED

Just a reminder that hunting is prohibited on Borough property and private property.

If you are found hunting on private property, you **must** have permission from the property owner. Also, you must follow the laws of the Pennsylvania State Game Commission regarding safety zones and other regulations applicable to hunting within the Borough.

## SA REALITY TOUR

### Drug Prevention Program



A drug prevention program that is a unique experience for youths (10 and older) and their parent/guardian. This program takes you on a realistic tour of a drug addict, opens line of communication with families, provides information on drugs and addiction, Q&A with a recovering drug addict and law enforcement officer, and more. This award winning program is the only one currently licensed in Allegheny County.

**Each tour is 1st Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.**

**526 Monongahela Avenue**

**Glassport, PA 15045**

**Pre-register at [www.realitytour.org](http://www.realitytour.org) (Candle, Inc.) go to "locations" & "Allegheny County"**

**Recommended \$5.00 registration fee, but will waive fee for low-income families**

**Also, like their page on Facebook for updates on events.**

## Trick-or-Treat Safety Tips

- △ Wear costumes that are bright or reflective. If not, then add reflective tape to your costume
- △ Young children should always be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult
- △ Use make-up and/or decorative hats instead of masks when possible.
- △ Make sure to look both ways before crossing the street. Always cross at the street corners or pedestrian crosswalk. Never assume motorists can see you.
- △ Trick-or-treat with a group and make sure to stay together on well lit streets and do not take shortcuts through private properties or dark roads
- △ Always carry a flashlight and make sure it has new batteries

