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Illicit Discharge Detection And Elimination Program

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If you think you have found an **Illicit Discharge**, or see indications of illicit discharges in stormwater runoff such as:

- ⇒ Unusual color or cloudiness
- ⇒ Strong pungent or musty odor
- ⇒ Floating debris
- ⇒ Surface scum or foam
- ⇒ Oily Sheen
- ⇒ Excessive Algae
- ⇒ Storm pipes flowing in dry weather



Then contact the **Public Works Department** to report the suspected illicit discharge at **(229) 273-6136**.

How Do You Prevent Illicit Discharges?

A good rule of thumb is to use basic “common sense”. Think before you begin dumping into the street or allow runoff to leave your yard.

- **Do not** spray pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers near storm drains, or where runoff will enter into the system
- **Do not** pour household cleaners, auto fluids, etc. onto the driveway or into the street. Driveways and streets are designed to shed water away and take it directly to the storm system.
- **Do not** blow leaves, grass clippings, or mulch into the storm drains. This can clog up and hinder the use of the system and could also potentially cause flooding in extreme rain conditions.
- **Do not** store or expose materials to rain that could be carried away or “washed off” that might drain into the road or ditches.
- **Pick up** Litter and trash in ditches or near storm drains or streams.

Did you know?

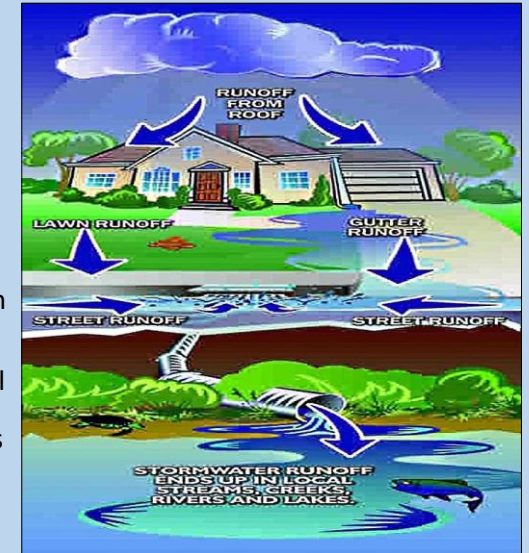
Storm drains are typically **NOT** treated! They flow directly into streams or rivers!

What is an Illicit Discharge?

An illicit discharge into the stormwater system basically means placing any substance into the system that may be toxic to human, animal, or plant life. It could also be something that is flammable, explosive, or corrosive. In short: any discharge that adversely affects our public waters (ditches, streams, lakes, rivers, etc).

Illicit or illegal discharges may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Dumping auto fluids (oils, antifreeze, etc.)
- Chemicals
- Garbage
- Paint
- Cleaning Fluids
- Untreated animal waste
- Commercial car wash wastewater
- Contaminated foundation drains
- Wash water from commercial and industrial activities
- Sanitary sewer discharges
- Septic tank discharges
- Washing machine discharges
- Chlorinated backwash
- Drained swimming pool water that has not been de-chlorinated.



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Or visit the EPA's website at:

<https://water.epa.gov/polwaste/npdes/swbmp/Illicit-Discharge-Detection-and-Elimination.com>