

ILLICIT DISCHARGE

WHAT IS AN ILLICIT DISCHARGE?

Any discharge to a storm drain that is not composed entirely of stormwater. An illicit discharge can be the result of:

- Runoff collecting pollutants on the way to storm drains
- Emptying or dumping of non-stormwater substances directly into a storm drain
- An illicit connection (any connection of wastewater, such as from a bathroom or a washing machine) into the stormwater drainage system
- An accidental spill or leak of a harmful substance



COMMON ILLICIT DISCHARGES:

- Sanitary wastewater
- Vehicle fluids
- Household cleaners & chemicals
- Soapy wash water
- Paints
- Dirt, mulch & grass clippings
- Pesticides, fertilizers & weed killers
- Restaurant grease & cooking oil
- Pet wastes
- Lawn & yard waste/debris

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Keep storm drains clear of trash & debris.
- Wash your car at a car wash.
- Pick-up after your pets.
- Increase your garden area & decrease your lawn area. Plant with native plants!
- Mulch grass clippings & leaves into your yard.
- Limit pesticide use.

