

Illicit Stormwater Discharges

You Can Prevent Stormwater Pollution In Your Neighborhood

Stormwater runoff flows from rooftops, paved areas, bare soil, and lawns into storm drains or ditches. It picks up pollutants such as animal waste, pesticides, fertilizers, salt, oil and grease, soil and debris and transports them directly to waterways where they are discharged with no treatment.

This is stormwater pollution.

What is an “Illicit Discharge?”

An illicit (illegal) discharge is any discharge to storm drains, pipes, and ditches that is not composed entirely of stormwater. **Disposal of anything other than stormwater in storm sewers is illegal!**

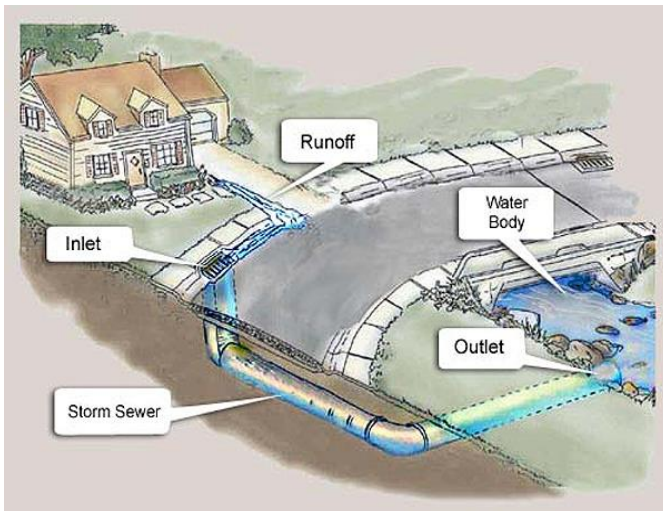
- Septic Tank Seepage / Illegal Sanitary Connections
- Laundry Wastewater / Detergent
- Improper Waste Oil or Automotive Fluids Disposal
- Home Improvement Waste (e.g. concrete, paint)
- Pesticides and Fertilizers
- Pet Waste
- Pool / Spa Discharge
- Cooking Grease / Household Waste



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You Can Protect Water Quality

- **Never dump anything down storm drains**
- Use lawn and garden chemicals sparingly; sweep up any excess from paved areas
- Repair vehicle leaks; cover spilled fluids with kitty litter then sweep into household waste
- Pick up after your pet
- Plant ground cover to control soil erosion
- Keep grass clippings, leaves, litter, and debris out of street gutters and storm drains
- Direct downspouts onto grassy areas
- Wash your vehicle on grass instead of the driveway
- Dispose of used oil, antifreeze, paints and other household chemicals in an approved manner



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To report a suspected stormwater discharge violation call: **1-844-DEC-ECOS (1-844-332-3267)**

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/393.html>

For general stormwater information visit:

<https://www.dot.ny.gov/divisions/engineering/environmental-analysis/water-ecology/stormwater-management>

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8468.html>



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