

Illicit Discharge It's a Crime!



The Drain is Just for Rain

Illicit discharges are any discharges that eventually enters a City Storm Drain or a Public Water that are not just stormwater.

It's not just bad for the environment; it's a crime. Anyone responsible for an illicit discharge may be guilty of a misdemeanor and it can be very expensive to clean-up!



Examples of Illicit Discharge Include:

- Pet waste
- Carpet cleaning wastewaters
- Laundry or household product waste
- Fertilizer, grass clippings, or yard waste
- Illegal dumping, spills, and other polluted sources
- Soil or material discharge into storm drains from remodeling, construction, or industrial/commercial areas
- Pool draining
- Manufacturers wastewater
- Vehicle washing wastewaters
- Autobody/repair facility, or car wash wastewaters
- Open sewage/sanitary sewer disrupted connection waste
- Any car liquids from vehicle maintenance or service stations

Unlike what goes down the drain in your house, stormwater flows to our lakes and streams without going through a wastewater treatment plant. What goes in a storm drain eventually ends up in a lake or stream!

Please be responsible. Don't dispose of wastes into a storm drain or leave grass or fertilizer in the curb and gutter or sidewalk to wash away with the next rain. And if you witness a suspected illicit discharge or water that is foaming or has a funny color or smell, report it.

