

Quick Reference Illicit Guide

Illicit Discharge

- Any liquid, not composed entirely of stormwater, that is introduced into a stormwater system. Examples include solvents, vehicle fluids, fuels, paints, household products and chlorinated swimming pool water.

Illicit Dumping

- Unloading or disposal of solid, semi-solid or liquid substances near or into a stormwater system. Examples include grass clippings, leaves, construction debris, paint or other chemicals.

Illicit Spills

- Any intentional or accidental spill of solid, semi-solid or liquid substances into or adjacent to a stormwater system. Examples include fluids from vehicles, chemicals from drums or storage tanks, used oil, paint and fertilizer.

Illicit Connections

- Any constructed conveyance that connects non-stormwater discharges directly to a stormwater system. These illicit conveyances are located either above or below the ground and may include drains, pipes or ditches.

Stormwater system refers to storm drains, pipes, ditches, channels and ponds that collect, store, or treat stormwater runoff.



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Protect Water Quality

Prevent Illicit Activities



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Some Causes May Seem Insignificant, but the Effects can be Dramatic

Tallahassee and Leon County are beautiful places to live, work and play. We have an abundance of majestic trees, canopy roads, and gorgeous streams and lakes. The City of Tallahassee and Leon County are working together with citizens and businesses to protect these valuable natural resources, particularly our waterways.

One of the greatest threats to our lakes, rivers and streams is pollutants in stormwater runoff. Simply stated, stormwater runoff is the water that flows over the land during and immediately after a rainstorm. As this water flows, it collects pollutants such as sediment, leaves, pesticides and automobile fluids. These contaminants can impact wildlife, fish, plants and surface water quality.

The City and County have separate National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) municipal stormwater permits. Our NPDES Permits require a Stormwater Management Program that prohibits harmful pollutants from entering our stormwater systems. You can help in this effort by eliminating illicit activities.

Illicit Activities

Illicit activities are those that intentionally or accidentally introduce pollutants into our stormwater systems. Illicit discharge, dumping, spills and connections pose a great risk to our water resources. Fortunately, most of these actions can be prevented in both residential and commercial areas.

For information on stormwater and related topics visit Talgov.com/Stormwater, Tappwater.org and LeonCountyWater.org.

Ways to Reduce Illicit Activities

HOMEOWNERS

- Dispose of household chemicals properly at designated collection sites.
- Follow label directions on pesticide and fertilizer containers and dispose of properly.
- Use yard waste as mulch or dispose properly by bagging or composting leaves and grass clippings.
- Recycle approved containers.
- Maintain septic systems.
- Dechlorinate swimming pool water before draining.

BUSINESSES

- Properly store and dispose of substances used in commercial processes.
- Landscape to prevent excessive runoff & erosion.
- Maintain privately-owned stormwater ponds.
- Learn and comply with local environmental ordinances.



Water Pollution Sources

1. Illicit discharge into a stormwater system
2. Illicit dumping into a stormwater system or near a body of water
3. Illicit spills on a parking lot, road, or ground surface that can flow into the nearest storm drain of a stormwater system
4. Illicit connections from a residence or business connected to a stormwater system that convey an illicit discharge

Please prevent and report any illicit activities you may see.

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