

## Help Protect Loudoun County's Streams and Lakes

### Chesapeake Bay Watershed



Loudoun County lies within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, the largest estuary in the United States. The Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act requires the use of effective management of stormwater pollution.

### Ordinance/Enforcement

Loudoun County has a Stormwater Ordinance (Chapter 1096) that makes it illegal to cause or allow illicit discharges to the County's stormwater management system.

The County has implemented an illicit discharge detection and elimination (IDDE) program to identify, monitor, trace and inspect illicit discharges to stormwater drains, ditches, creeks, etc. The ordinance allows the County to enforce removal and/or remediation of illicit discharges as well as fine owners, operators or responsible parties.



### Report Illegal Dumping and Discharges

#### How to Report an Illicit Discharge:

If you suspect an illegal discharge is being released into the storm sewer system you can report it to the County in any of the following ways:

- Call the Stormwater Complaint Hotline at **703-777-0117**
- Send an email to [stormwater@loudoun.gov](mailto:stormwater@loudoun.gov)
- Visit [www.loudoun.gov/stormwater-complaint](http://www.loudoun.gov/stormwater-complaint)
- Use the Mobile App Loudoun Express Request (LEx) [www.loudoun.gov/lex](http://www.loudoun.gov/lex)

#### When reporting, try to include the following

- Date and time of incident
- Location of dumping or discharge
- Digital photos and/or description of incident observed
- Vehicle description and license plate information of vehicle, if applicable



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## A Business and Homeowner's Guide to Loudoun County's Illicit Discharge Program

## Be the Solution to Stormwater Pollution



## Did You Know?

Storm drains connect directly to our local streams, creeks, and rivers. Unlike the water from our taps, water flowing into the storm drains is not treated.

This means trash, pet waste, motor oil, detergents, and other pollutants from yards, driveways, and parking lots can pollute our local water bodies and degrade water quality, restrict recreational activities such as swimming and fishing, and threaten wildlife and human health.

Storm drains empty directly into rivers, lakes and streams.

Keep our waters clean!

# Never Dispose of Anything in the Storm Drain.

## Stormwater Concerns and Illicit Discharges

### What is an Illicit Discharge?

An illicit discharge is defined as any discharge to the storm stormwater management system that is not composed entirely of stormwater. An illicit discharge can be the result of:

- Runoff collecting pollutants on the way to the storm drains
- Emptying or dumping of any non-stormwater substances directly into the 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

### Examples of Common Illicit Discharges?

- Sanitary wastewater
- Dirt, mulch, and grass clippings
- Vehicle fluids (gasoline, motor oil, and antifreeze)
- Household cleaners and chemicals
- Soapy wash water
- Paints

### What is NOT an Illicit Discharge?

- Water line flushing (e.g., fire hydrant flushing)
- Landscape irrigation
- Air conditioning condensate
- Lawn watering
- Individual car washing on residential properties
- Dechlorinated swimming pool discharges

## How You Can Help

- Do not pour household cleaners, oil, antifreeze, paint, etc. on driveways, streets, or into storm drains and ditches. For more information about the collection of household hazardous waste visit [www.loudoun.gov/hhw](http://www.loudoun.gov/hhw).
- Do not apply pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers near storm drains and ditches. Use sparingly and follow all label instructions.
- Do not blow leaves, grass clippings & mulch into storm drains. Keep compost away from storm drains.
- Do not store or expose materials to rain that could "wash-off" into storm drains or streets. Clean up any leaks or spills immediately with a broom or use an absorbent material.
- Check to see if sewer laterals from bathrooms, kitchens and laundry rooms are connected to storm drains. If so, reconnect them to sanitary sewer.
- Check to see if septic tank flow is entering storm drains. If so, correct the situation.



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