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Illicit Stormwater Discharges

How to Prevent Stormwater Pollution in Your Neighborhood

Stormwater runoff flows from rooftops, driveways, paved roads, bare soil, and lawns into stormwater drainage systems, which includes catch basins, yard inlets, pipes, ditches, ponds and streams. It picks up pollutants and transports them directly to our waterways where they are discharged with no treatment and hurt our environment.

What is an “Illicit Discharge?”

An illicit (illegal) discharge is any discharge to our stormwater drainage system that is not composed entirely of stormwater. Disposal of anything other than stormwater in storm sewers is illegal!

- Septic Tank Seepage / Illegal Sanitary Connections
- Washing Car & Laundry Wastewater / Detergent
- Improper Waste Oil or Automotive Fluids Disposal
- Home Improvement Waste (concrete, paint, solvents, sealers)
- Pesticides and Fertilizers
- Pet Waste
- Pool / Spa Discharge
- Cooking Grease / Household Waste
- Trash and Debris



You Can Protect Water Quality by:

- 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

To report a suspected stormwater discharge violation:

Online: <https://www.peachtreecornersga.gov/residents/report-an-issue-fix-it>

Call City Hall: 678-691-1200

