

WHAT IS AN

## ILLICIT DISCHARGE?

An illicit discharge is any discharge into municipal storm drains, pipes, or ditches that is not composed entirely of stormwater. These discharges can occur in several ways, such as when businesses or residences allow waste to flow into storm drain inlets. The City of Perry's Stormwater Management Division enforces illicit discharges into the storm drains as an illegal action.

In Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s), the storm drain inlets transports rainwater directly to surrounding water bodies without being treated. This is why the City of Perry's Stormwater Management Division promotes the "Only Rain Down the Drains" sticker program, as a stormwater awareness Best Management Practice (BMP) tool.

