

STORM DRAIN STENCILING

Volunteers can also work to keep our streams clean and attractive by engaging in Storm Drain Stenciling. Stenciling the outside of storm drains helps to raise the community's awareness of nonpoint source pollution and reduce the incidence of illicit discharge into the drains.

Nonpoint source pollution results from everyday activities and those pollutants oftentimes are swept directly into storm drains and waterways with stormwater runoff. Some examples include fertilizers, motor oil, litter and animal waste.

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ILLICIT DISCHARGE DETECTION & ELIMINATION

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WHY SHOULD I CARE ABOUT ILLICIT DISCHARGE?

The Clean Water Act requires municipalities with separate storm sewer systems to adopt an Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) Ordinance. Storm sewer systems collect stormwater runoff and distribute it directly to DuPage County streams and rivers. In order to ensure the health, safety and general welfare of its residents, the DuPage County IDDE Ordinance prohibits the discharge of pollutants into the storm drain system.

WHAT IS ILLICIT DISCHARGE?

An Illicit Discharge is any substance other than stormwater being released into a storm sewer system. Oil, paint, organic materials and animal waste are examples of illicit discharges. These contaminants have a negative effect on the health of our local waterways and the surrounding communities.

HOW DO I SPOT ILLICIT DISCHARGE?

In addition to witnessing an act of illicit discharge—such as someone throwing animal waste into a storm drain—certain signs may also signify an illicit discharge reaching a stream or river. Pipes in disrepair or hoses that lead to a storm drain or body of water are all signs of an illicit discharge. Stains, suds, unusual odors, abnormal vegetative growth and structural damage to streets or inlets usually signifies a problem as well.

A more obvious way to spot an illicit discharge is when there are materials flowing into streams and rivers from storm sewer pipes during dry weather. In the absence of stormwater runoff, these systems are relatively quiet unless there is unnatural discharge draining through them.

HOW DO I REPORT ILLICIT DISCHARGE?

Report suspicious discharge by calling (630) 407-6796, by emailing stormwatermgmt@dupageco.org or online at:

<http://gis.dupageco.org/CitizenReporter/>

WHAT ARE COMMON ILLICIT DISCHARGE SIGNS?

Sanitary Sewer Discharge

- Sanitary debris
- Staining on pipes
- Heavy foam
- Gray or discolored water
- Odors (i.e. sewage, chlorine, rotten eggs or detergents)

Illegal Dumping or Spills

- Oily sheen
- Trash or unnatural debris
- Petroleum odors
- Stained sediment, rocks or vegetation

Industrial Discharge

- Discolored water
- Chemical odor

Agricultural Runoff

- Algae growth at or near the outlet
- Heavy vegetation at or near the outlet