

How does this Cause Water Pollution?

The stormwater drainage system collects all the rain that runs off of hard surfaces, such as pavement and rooftops. This runoff, called stormwater, flows along the curb and gutter and then into a storm drain.

After entering the storm drain, stormwater is routed to the nearest stream, creek, or lake. Anything that enters the stormwater drainage system besides rainfall is considered an illicit discharge and is a violation of Raleigh's Illicit Discharge Ordinance.

Grease, oils, and detergents have potential to cause fish kills, other biological degradation, and restrict recreational activities such as swimming and fishing. The purpose of the Illicit Discharge Ordinance is to protect public health, safety, and welfare by controlling pollution into our waterways.

Do *your* part to protect our environment from these types of pollution.

To schedule a site visit to discuss preventative measures at your location, please contact:

City of Raleigh

Public Works Department
Stormwater Utility Division
222 West Hargett Street, Room 301
PO Box 590
Raleigh, NC 27602-0590
919-996-3940

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For more information about illicit discharges, water pollution, and stormwater, please visit www.raleighnc.gov



Protecting Streams and Lakes From Pollution

Preventing Illegal Discharges from Automobile Service Businesses



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What is an Illicit Discharge?

An illicit discharge or *illegal* discharge is any disposal, emptying, or dumping of any substance other than rainfall into the stormwater drainage system.

An illicit connection or *illegal* connection is any connection of wastewater, such as from a bathroom or a washing machine, into the stormwater drainage system.

The accidental spill or leak of a harmful substance is also an illicit discharge.

What Happens to Violators?

First time offenders and repeat offenders of Raleigh's Illicit Discharge Ordinance can receive substantial fines. All fines go to the Wake County Public School System.

Illicit Discharges

First time offenders can be served a civil penalty up to \$5,000. This fine can continue for each day the discharge continues. For repeat offenders, the penalty will double the amount that was previously fined up to \$25,000 each day.

Illicit Connections

First time offenders can be fined up to \$5,000 for each day the City Ordinance is being violated. Repeat offenders can be fined up to \$25,000 per day.



Spilled Antifreeze.

Good Housekeeping Practices to Remember



1. If any vehicle is leaking automotive fluid, contain the spill immediately. Place a drip pan under the vehicle to collect the fluid and mix dry absorbent into the fluid that has spilled outside the drip pan. When the fluid is fully captured by the dry absorbent, the absorbent can be shoveled into a garbage bag and disposed of in a nearby dumpster. Garbage bags must have proper ventilation.
2. Capture and properly dispose of all fluids when changing fluids or repairing a component containing fluid.
3. Daily, check gas pumps for spills. Keep dry absorbent near gas pumps in case of a spill.
4. Weekly, check automotive fluid recycling containers for leaks.
5. If cleaning the parking lot is necessary, install proper measures to ensure washwater and detergents DO NOT enter the stormwater drainage system.
6. DO NOT dump mop water outside; mop water should be poured into the sanitary sewer system via the floor drain or sink drain for treatment.
7. If a car wash is on site, ensure the car wash's detergent and wax are only used inside the wash bay and that washwater is captured and conveyed to the sanitary sewer system.

Management Responsibilities

- Ensure your business has an up to date spill response plan
- Ensure ALL employees know where spill kits are and how to use them.
- Report any spill or discharge into the stormwater drainage system to the City of Raleigh Stormwater Utility Division.
- When reporting a spill or discharge, provide the following information: what happened, street address or nearest intersection, name of business, and date and time it happened.
- To report illicit discharges Call (919) 996-3940