

## ILLCIT DISCHARGE ORDINANCE

This ordinance regulates non-storm water discharges to the storm drainage system. Generally covered in Zoning and Subdivision Regulations, illicit discharge bylaws are imposed to prohibit illicit connections and discharges to the municipal separate storm sewer system and establish legal authority to inspect and maintain municipal compliance.

### 1. Discharge Prohibitions

No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged into the municipal storm drain system or watercourses any materials, including but not limited to pollutants or waters containing any pollutants that cause or contribute to a violation of applicable water quality standards.

### 2. Illicit Connection Prohibitions

The construction, use, maintenance or continued existence of illicit connections to the storm drain system is prohibited, including illicit connections made in the past. A person is considered to be in violation of this ordinance if the person connects a line conveying sewage to the MS4.

### 3. Discharge Inspection

The authorized enforcement agency shall be permitted to enter and inspect facilities subject to regulation under this ordinance as often as may be necessary to determine compliance with this ordinance. They shall have the right to set up on any permitted facility such devices as are necessary.

### 4. Requirement to Use BMPs

The authorized enforcement agency will adopt requirements identifying Best Management Practices for any activity, operation, or facility which may cause or contribute to pollution of stormwater, the storm drain system, or waters of the U.S. The owner or operator of a commercial or industrial establishment shall provide, at their own expense, reasonable protection from accidental discharge of prohibited materials or other wastes into municipal storm drain system or watercourses through the use of these structural and non-structural BMPs.

### 5. Water Course Protection

Every person owning property through which a watercourse passes shall keep and maintain that part of the watercourse within the property free of trash, debris, excessive vegetation, and other obstacles that would pollute, contaminate, or significantly retard the flow of water through the watercourse. The owner shall maintain existing privately owned structures within or adjacent to a watercourse, so that such structures will not become a hazard to the use, function, or physical integrity of the watercourse.