

# ILLICIT DISCHARGE

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## WHAT IS AN ILLICIT DISCHARGE AND WHY IS IT PROHIBITED?

Part VII.C.

An illicit discharge is any discharge into a municipal storm sewer system (storm drains, pipes, and ditches) that is not entirely composed of stormwater, except those identified in Part I. A. 3. Examples of illicit discharges include septic tank seepage, laundry wastewater, auto fluids, and motor oil. An illicit discharge could be any non-permitted discharge in which the MS4 Operator or DEC has determined to be a substantial contributor of pollutants to MS4. Discharges from MS4 operators that are not authorized in this permit include:

- (1) Stormwater discharges that may harm an endangered or threatened species or its habitat
- (2) Stormwater discharges that may harm properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places
- (3) Stormwater discharges prohibited under 40 CFR 122.4 and 6 NYCRR 750-1.3
- (4) Discharge of vehicle and equipment wash water from municipal facilities, including tank cleaning operations

## WHAT TYPES OF DISCHARGE ARE ALLOWABLE

Part I.A.3.

Non-stormwater discharges are authorized by the SPDES general permit provided they do not violate Environmental Conservation Law Section 17-0501. If the DEC or MS4 Operator determine that one or more of the discharges are in violation of ECL, and the discharges are illicit, the MS4 Operator must eliminate the discharges by following the illicit discharge Minimum Control Measure requirements found in Part IV.C. or Part VII.C, depending on the operator type. Discharges from MS4 operators that are exempt from this permit include:

- (1) Stormwater discharges associated with an industrial activity, provided the discharges are covered by the SPDES Multi-Sector General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity
- (2) Individual SPDES stormwater discharges, provided the discharges are in compliance with their individual SPDES permit limitations



## NON-STORMWATER DISCHARGES AS DEFINED IN MS4 GENERAL PERMIT

- Water Line Flushing
- Landscape Irrigation
- Diverted Stream Flows
- Rising Ground Water
- Uncontaminated Groundwater Infiltration
- Discharges from Potable Water Sources
- Foundation Drains
- Air Conditioning Condensate
- Irrigation Water
- Springs
- Flows from Riparian Habitats and Wetlands
- Water from Crawl Space and Basement Sump Pumps
- Footer Drains
- Lawns and Landscaping Water Runoff provided that all pesticides and fertilizers have been applied in accordance with the product label
- Water from Individual Residential Car Washing
- De-Chlorinated Swimming Pool Discharges
- Residual Street Wash Water
- Discharges from Fire Fighting Activities in the case of unplanned events/emergencies
- De-Chlorinated Water Reservoir Discharges
- Any SPDES Permitted Discharge

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## FOR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THE MS4 PROGRAM

Submit comments through the [Warren County SWCD Webpage](#)

## TO REPORT OR AN ILLICIT DISCHARGE OR SUSPECTED ILLICIT DISCHARGE

Please call the appropriate MS4 municipality  
hotline phone number:

Warren County (518)-824-8840

Queensbury (518)-761-9212

## TO REPORT A SPILL

Please contact the New York State  
Department of Environmental Conservation  
spill hotline:

1-800-457-7362

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you or your organization would like to  
volunteer for stream cleanups, outfall  
sampling, or placing storm drain markers,  
contact:

Warren County Soil and Water Conservation  
District

394 Schroon River Road  
Warrensburg, NY 12885

[nickr@warrenswcd.org](mailto:nickr@warrenswcd.org)  
(518)-623-3119



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

[NYS DEC General Information on Stormwater](#)

[NYSDOT Illicit Stormwater Discharge Information](#)

[Illicit discharge Information](#)

[Fertilizer Use](#)

[Pet Waste](#)

[Motor Oil](#)

["Septic Smart EPA"](#)

[Septic Information](#)

[MS4 Residential information](#)

["Illicit Discharge Detention and Elimination: A Guidance Manual for Program Development and Technical Assessments"](#)

[IDDE Fact Sheet from Warren County SWCD Ohio](#)

[How To Properly Drain a Swimming Pool from Warren County SWCD Ohio](#)