

MS4 WASTE WATER INFORMATION

Illicit Discharge

An illicit discharge refers to the presence of any substance other than storm water in our storm water system. The storm sewer system refers to the catch basins located at the curb and not the sanitary sewer.

Examples of substances that **SHOULD NOT** be in the storm water system are as follows:

- Motor Oil
- Antifreeze
- Soapy Water (Wash Water)
- Pesticides
- Fertilizers
- Paint Products (Oil and Water Based)
- Chlorinated Pool Water
- Organic Waste

This list is by no means an inclusive list, but serves only as a guide. For further information please log onto the EPA and/or NYSDEC sites which can be found under the Engineering Section of our Town Web Site.

It may have been a common experience for such substances to be introduced into the system in the past. However, today's ecological reality is they do not belong there and can cause significant environmental damage.

A mere teaspoon of oil will cause a visible sheen on a large pond. Chlorinated pool water when discharged into the system can result in the death of the local fish population.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Wash cars on the lawn
- Bring hazardous materials to the Solid Waste Authority's facility at the Fire Training Center
- Motor oil can be brought to any service station or to the Highway Garage
- Discharge chlorinated pool water onto your lawn
- If you notice an illicit discharge please call Town Hall immediately