

## What is stormwater?

- Precipitation that flows off the land through storm sewer drains and into waterbodies

## How does stormwater impact waterbodies?

- Stormwater can pick up pollutants as it flows over land
- Stormwater that enters the storm sewer system is not treated before it enters a waterbody
- Stormwater pollutants can be toxic to aquatic life and people

## What is an illicit discharge?

- Discharges into the storm sewer system that are not entirely composed of clean stormwater
- Examples include motor oil, paint, washwater, trash and animal wastes

## Permitted non-stormwater discharges:

- Some non-stormwater discharges are not prohibited
- These include fire fighting activities and landscape irrigation, for example

## What do illicit discharges look like?

- Staining along curbs or on drainage grates
- Foul odors
- Cloudy or colored fluids entering the storm sewer
- Water flowing through the storm sewer system during dry weather

## Pollutants of Concern:

- Nutrients like Nitrogen and Phosphorous
- Bacteria and Viruses



**If you observe an illicit discharge to the Town storm sewer system, please contact:**

Department of Public Works  
(516) 677-5124

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# PREVENTING ILLICIT DISCHARGES

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## KEEPING POLLUTANTS OUT OF THE STORM SEWER SYSTEM

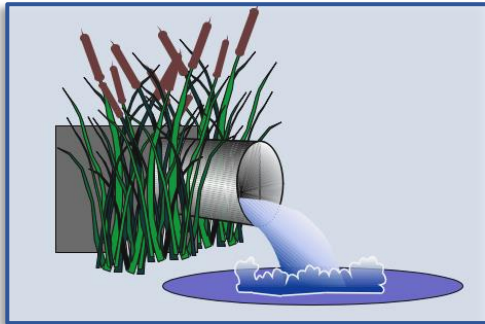


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## Illicit Discharges are Illegal

- The Town has enacted two local laws to make it illegal to contribute pollutants to the storm sewer system
- The laws address pollutants entering waterbodies such as:
  - Hempstead Harbor
  - Oyster Bay Harbor
  - Massapequa Creek
  - South Oyster Bay



### **Did you Know?**

Whether in your car, at the waterfront, or inland, your daily activities can pollute our waters and harm fish and wildlife

# ILLICIT DISCHARGE PREVENTION

Using proper handling and disposal practices can protect water quality!

## Households

- Properly dispose of trash, chemicals and paints
- Limit the use of fertilizers and pesticides
- Do not sweep or blow yard waste into storm drains
- Do not over water lawns
- Have cesspools inspected and pumped regularly
- Do not drain chlorinated swimming pool water into the street

## Animals

- Do not throw poop bags into storm drains
- Pick up pet waste and flush it down the toilet
- Bag pet waste and put it in the trash
- Do not feed wildlife



## Automotives

- Repair leaks as soon as possible
- Recycle motor oil, oil filters and other fluids properly at vehicle service centers or auto parts stores
- Wash your car at a commercial car wash

## Businesses and Restaurants

- Inspect equipment for leaks
- Proper dumpster maintenance
- Implement spill prevention and response procedures
- Ensure floor drains are connected to the sanitary sewer system
- Maintain grease traps