

IDDE Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination; what are these illicit discharges?

The Definition of an illicit discharge is the release of pollutants or non-storm water into a stormwater system by overland flow, direct dumping, or Illegal connections which knowingly or unknowingly release pollutants. Swatara Township, by State and Federal Law is required to monitor, and reduce stormwater pollution.

What should you report?

Sanitary Wastewater sources

Sanitary, laundry (gray water), Industrial wastewater, Septic tank effluent (failed or broken system), Overflows of sanitary sewer systems (municipal system)



Automobile maintenance and operation sources



Roadway accident spills,
dumping into stormwater inlets

Motor Oil, Antifreeze, or Grease



Other sources such as

Inappropriate disposal of yard and pet wastes, Improper use or disposal pesticides or herbicides, Chemical, hazardous materials, garbage, illegal disposal sites
Washing of concrete ready mix trucks in unauthorized areas

Ten Simple things you can do to reduce Stormwater Pollution

Use fertilizers sparingly, sweep up excess that falls on driveways, sidewalks and curb lines

Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams

Vegetate bare spots in your yard

Compost your yard waste

Use least toxic pesticides, and follow the directions for use

Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces. Consider a rain garden to capture runoff

Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil and antifreeze

Pick up after your pet

Have your septic tank pumped and inspected regularly