

## DID YOU KNOW?

Everything that enters a storm drain flows **UNTREATED** to our creeks, streams, lakes and river.

Any discharge carrying sediments, oils, soaps, grease, etc., ends up polluting our water resources, including our drinking water.

Such discharges are also subject to civil fines and possible criminal prosecution.

If a storm drain is flowing when it has not rained for at least 72 hours, an illicit discharge may be present. Call your local municipal department so that trained personnel can investigate.

## Anonymously

### Report Illicit Discharges

Luzerne Borough  
570-287-7633

*If possible, please provide:*

- Date and time of incident
- Location of discharge or dumping
- Digital photos or description of incident
- Vehicle/license plate info if available

# ILLICIT DISCHARGE DETECTION & ELIMINATION (IDDE)



You 'otta know...  
we all live downstream.



WYOMING VALLEY  
SANITARY AUTHORITY  
Together, we put water in its place.

## EXAMPLES OF ILLICIT DISCHARGE

- ❖ The sewage line from a house or business is incorrectly connected to the storm system.
- ❖ Improper disposal of auto and household toxics (e.g., pouring used automotive oil, or radiator discharge into a drain or gutter).
- ❖ Laundry or car wash discharge flows to or is directly connected to the storm sewer system (floor drain, gutter, etc.)
- ❖ Animal waste from pets or agricultural practices.
- ❖ Discharging chlorinated pool water into storm sewer system.
- ❖ Hosing down roads and sidewalks where wastewater will enter storm sewer system.



## WHAT IS AN ILLICIT DISCHARGE?

An Illicit Discharge is any discharge to our stormwater drainage system that's not composed entirely of stormwater or uncontaminated ground water.

The result of an illicit discharge is an effluent that contributes to high levels of pollutants, including heavy metals, toxics, oil and grease, solvents, nutrients, viruses and bacteria to receiving water bodies. Pollutant levels from these discharges have proven high enough to significantly degrade water quality and threaten aquatic, wildlife and human health.

## KEEPING POLLUTANTS FROM STORM DRAINS

Wash your car using biodegradable soap on the grass so pollutants will be filtered by the soil, OR, take your car to a commercial car wash that recycles water.

Recycle used oil, antifreeze, and batteries properly.

Fix auto leaks promptly.

Discharge chlorinated water to land where it will not drain to local surface waters.

Collect and dispose of grass clippings responsibly.

Wash paint brushes/buckets in a utility sink.

Always pick up your pet's waste and dispose of it properly.

*Although illicit discharges can enter a storm drain system in various ways, they generally result from either direct connections (e.g., wastewater piping either mistakenly or deliberately connected to the storm drains or gutters) or indirect connections (e.g., infiltration into the storm drain system, spills, or "midnight dumping").*

If these go in here,

