

Did you know:

Everything that enters a storm drain flows **UNTREATED** to our creeks, which ultimately flows to the ocean!

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

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

NO DUMPING



DRAINS TO CREEK

Anonymously Report Illicit Discharges

Call 805-473-5488

or report to

www.arroyogrande.org/145/Stormwater-Management

- Click "Report Suspicious Stormwater Discharge" in the left pane and fill out the necessary information

Illicit discharges can constitute enforcement action including:

- Verbal warning
- Written Correction Notice
- Cease and Desist Letter
- Fines
- Referral to Water Board



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ILLICIT DISCHARGE DETECTION & ELIMINATION (IDDE)

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Drain!



A BUSINESS AND
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WHAT IS AN ILLICIT DISCHARGE?

An Illicit Discharge is any discharge (or seepage) to our stormwater drainage system that is not composed **ENTIRELY** of stormwater or uncontaminated ground water.

Types of pollutants include:

- Gas and motor oil
- Grass clippings and leaves
- Household cleaners
- Paints
- Fertilizers and pesticides
- Pet waste
- Solvents
- Irrigation Runoff



COMMON VIOLATIONS

Common violations include construction site discharges (cement slurry, paint, etc.), commercial washing (power washing buildings and patios, car washing, dumping of mop water), and litter/illegal dumping.

AGMC Section
13.25.060



REPORT SUSPICIOUS — DISCHARGE —

YOU CAN HELP stop illicit discharges! Look for **WARNING SIGNS** like:

- Dry weather flow
- Suds
- Oil sheen
- Gas
- Staining



SIX EASY WAYS THAT **YOU** CAN KEEP POLLUTANTS *OUT* OF THE STORM DRAIN

1. Recycle used oil, antifreeze, and batteries properly.
2. Wash your car using biodegradable soap on the grass so that the water, detergent, and dirt will be filtered by the soil. Or, take your car to a commercial car wash that recycles water.
3. Fix auto leaks promptly.
4. Collect and dispose of grass clippings responsibly.
5. Wash paint brushes/buckets in a utility sink.
6. Always pick up your pet's waste!

learn more

For additional information on the City's stormwater management, visit:

www.arroyogrande.org/145/Stormwater-Management

ILLICIT DISCHARGE SUSPECTED

Record the Following:

- Location
- Description of flow (oil sheen, suds, sediment, etc.)
- Extent of flow (has it reached a drain inlet, how much flow, etc.)
- Potential Source
- Take a Photo

Is it an
Emergency?

YES

CALL 911

NO

Notify the City

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