



## ***Illicit Discharge Program***

Illicit discharges are generally non-stormwater discharges into storm drains other than rain, melted snow, spring and groundwater. Under the Clean Water Acts and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit, it is not allowable for anyone to discharge pollutants or connect any pipes to the storm drains, stream, or lakes without the City's approval. The exceptions include water from fire fighting activities and discharges from facilities already under NPDES permit. Under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit carwash wastewaters, improper oil radiator flushing disposal, laundry -water, auto and household toxics are examples of illicit discharged.

Illicit discharge is a major problem simply because, unlike wastewater which flows into treatment plants, stormwater generally flows to waterways without any additional treatment.

### **What You Can Do**

To protect the quality of our streams and public health, please report any sources of pollution you witness or discover alongside your roadway, your neighborhood or parks including:

- Dumping waste, oil or other vehicle fluids
- Improper connections outletting to ditches/creeks

We protect citizen's identity; you can do this anonymously by calling Public Works at 206-870-6525. The Surface Water Management will investigate to determine the alleged source of pollutants and every necessary action to contain it.

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**REPORT ILLEGAL DISCHARGES!**

