



NEW HARTFORD

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ILLICIT DISCHARGE FACT SHEET

What is an illicit discharge?

Illicit, or illegal, discharge is any disposal, emptying or dumping of any substance other than rainfall into the stormwater drainage system or into the ground system. The accidental spill or leakage of a harmful substance is also an illicit discharge.

Examples of Illicit Discharge:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanitary waste water; • Septic tank effluent; • Car wash waste water; • Motor oil/fuel disposal; • Radiator flushing disposal; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laundry waste water; • Pesticides and herbicides; • Auto and household toxics disposal; and • Leaves, grass clippings and yard waste.
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How can I help?

- Report any illicit discharge to the Town.
- Grass clippings in the street should be swept up after each mowing.
- Follow label directions regarding disposal of household cleaners, pesticides & weed killer containers.
- Properly dispose of pet waste by picking it up and placing it in the trash.

Important Points to Remember:

- Waste dumped into storm sewers goes into the river without treatment.
- Natural materials such as soil, leaves, grass clippings and pet waste (when concentrated) can cause water pollution.
- What we do on land affects the quality of the water we all drink and use.

Reporting a Complaint:

Dumping hazardous material is illegal. Town staff, including police will conduct investigations and monitor sites when a complaint or concern of illicit discharge is received. Violators will be required to clean up the site and will also be required to pay for the costs (including any inspection fees). They may also be subject to fines and/or arrest. Suspected violations can be reported by filling out the "Illicit Discharge Reporting Form" posted on the town website. Our Environment – especially clean water is very important. As always, if you see something, say something – and when in doubt – check it out! Lastly – if you witness something unusual, pictures can be very helpful and if vehicles are involved – get the license plate. This type of information can usually expedite an investigation and help stop what could be harmful dumping of hazardous materials.

Together we can Stop Illicit Discharging



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