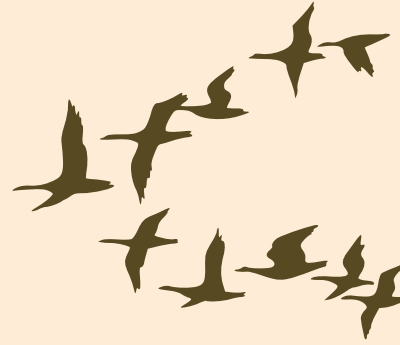




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PROTECT WATER QUALITY PREVENT ILLICIT ACTIVITIES



WHAT IS ILLICIT DISCHARGE?

Illicit discharge is any discharge into a storm drain system or waterway that is not composed entirely of stormwater.

Examples include:

- Sanitary wastewater
- Septic tank effluent
- Car wash wastewater
- Chlorinated swimming pool water
- Vehicle fluids
- Laundry wastewater
- Household/yard chemicals
- Leaves & yard waste
- Eroded soils
- Pet waste
- Paints



SIX SIMPLE STEPS TO PROTECT OUR WATERWAYS FROM ILLICIT DISCHARGE

1. Recycle used oil, antifreeze, and batteries. Clean up spills immediately. Cat litter or sawdust will absorb a spill. Sweep up and properly dispose of materials used to absorb a spill.
2. Wash your car over the grass and use a biodegradable chlorine-free and phosphate-free detergent designed for washing cars. Even better for the environment: use a commercial car wash where less water is used and contaminants are captured and sent to a waste water treatment plant.
3. Dispose of empty bottles of household cleaners, pesticides, and weed killer according to label directions.
4. Grass clippings in the street should be swept up after each mowing. Grass clippings left in the street should not be washed down into the storm sewers and end up in the streams where they add nutrients contributing to algal blooms.
5. Household products such as paints, paint thinners and solvents should be properly disposed. Brushes used with water-based paint can be rinsed in the sink.
6. Pick up your pet's waste to keep nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorous (as well as harmful parasites and bacteria) from entering waterways.

More information on Illicit Discharges is available online at

<https://www.irshores.com/stormwaterinfo.html>
and
<https://floridadep.gov/water/stormwater>



SOME CAUSES MAY SEEM INSIGNIFICANT BUT THE EFFECTS CAN BE DRAMATIC:

- What we put on land impacts our waterways and affects the quality of the water we drink and use in our daily lives.
- Large water quality problems often result from the sum of many small pollution sources.
- Natural materials such as soil, leaves, grass clippings and pet waste also cause water pollution.
- Overfertilization sends excess nutrients to our estuaries and can cause algal blooms and fish kills.
- Improperly maintained or failing septic tanks can have serious impacts on our waterways.
- Automobiles and other vehicles cause water pollution as well as air pollution.



WAYS TO REDUCE ILLICIT ACTIVITIES

- Disposing of waste in the proper manner.
- Taking used motor oil to a participating oil recycling center.
- Following label directions regarding container disposal of cleaners.
- Composting yard waste, or bagging and disposing of it using solid waste collection programs.
- Picking up your pet's waste.

Please prevent or report any illicit activities.

What if I see something?

Report illegal dumping or suspected pollution. If you see something suspicious on land, ditches, storm sewers or waterways in the Town of Indian River Shores, please immediately contact the Town at: (772)231-2451.