

# ILLICIT DISCHARGE

## WHAT IS AN ILLICIT DISCHARGE?

**Any discharge to a storm drain that is not composed entirely of stormwater. An illicit discharge can be the result of:**

- ◆ Runoff collecting pollutants on the way to storm drains
- ◆ Emptying or dumping of non-stormwater substances directly into a storm drain
- ◆ An illicit connection (any connection of wastewater, such as from a bathroom or a washing machine) into the stormwater drainage system
- ◆ An accidental spill or leak of a harmful substance



## COMMON ILLICIT DISCHARGES:

- ◆ Sanitary wastewater
- ◆ Vehicle fluids
- ◆ Household cleaners & chemicals
- ◆ Soapy wash water
- ◆ Paints
- ◆ Dirt, mulch & grass clippings
- ◆ Pesticides, fertilizers & weed killers
- ◆ Restaurant grease & cooking oil
- ◆ Pet wastes
- ◆ Lawn & yard waste/debris

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

- ◆ Keep storm drains clear of trash & debris.
- ◆ Wash your car at a car wash.
- ◆ Pick-up after your pets.
- ◆ Increase your garden area & decrease your lawn area. Plant with native plants!
- ◆ Mulch grass clippings & leaves into your yard.
- ◆ Limit pesticide use.

