

# Protect Our Waterways

## Prevent Illicit Discharges



### What is an Illicit Discharge?

Any discharge to the storm drain system that is not composed entirely of rainwater or snowmelt.

Stormwater may wash and carry pollutants such as trash, sediment, oils, antifreeze, heavy metals, bacteria, and fertilizers from sidewalks,



streets, and parking lots, discharging them directly into our creeks and rivers.

Stormwater pollution may pose an adverse toxic effect on aquatic life, plants, animals, and people.

### Daily actions affect water quality. Make good choices.

**The Stormwater Ordinance prohibits the discharge, disposal, pouring, or dumping of any pollutant into the storm drainage system. Only rain water runoff is generally allowed in the storm drain.**

**Some discharges are specifically allowed, such as lawn watering and residential vehicle washing. For a detailed list of exemptions please refer to the City Code §16-17.**

### Help Our City and Our Waterways by Reporting Improper Discharges

If you know of any improper discharges such as:

- Dumping used motor oil/chemicals down storm drains
- Improper connections into ditches or ponds
- Cooking oil or grease leaking from commercial dumpsters
- Trash, debris, leaves or yard wastes along waterways
- Sanitary sewer overflows discharging into the storm sewer

Contact Northglenn's Neighborhood Services at 303.280.7876. Report emergencies to 911 immediately.



Residential and commercial property owners must ensure that chemicals, material waste, leaves and dirt do not enter storm drains, street gutters or ditches. Please do your part to keep our streams and creeks clean.



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