

## Illicit Discharge – What is it?

Litter, chemicals, and yard waste dumped into storm drains and ditches can pollute our water. Prevent illicit discharge from polluting our water bodies.

Illicit discharge is considered any chemical, waste, and other pollutants that enter the storm sewer system, either on purpose or by accident.

Illicit discharge can occur when pollutants are poured directly into a storm drain but can also be the result of storm water runoff that carries pollutants left laying on roads, parking lots, driveways, and sidewalks into the storm drains.

- ✓ Car fluids
- ✓ Grass clippings
- ✓ Leaves
- ✓ Pet waste
- ✓ Fertilizers
- ✓ Pesticides
- ✓ Road salt
- ✓ and more



Because the storm sewer system is a series of drains, pipes, and ditches draining rainwater and snowmelt to nearby waterbodies, any pollutants that enter the storm sewer system increase the risk for water impairment. These pollutants enter our lakes, rivers, wetlands, and ponds without treatment.

Protect our lakes, rivers, wetlands, and ponds. Prevent and clean up spills, debris, and litter before they enter our water bodies!

*If you observe an illicit discharge, call to report it:  
the City of Hopkins (952) 548-6364 or 911.  
You may also fill out an online form at [www.hopkinsmn.com](http://www.hopkinsmn.com)*