



# Stormwater Pollution Found in Your Area!

**This is not a citation.**

This is to inform you that our staff found the following pollutants in the storm sewer system in your area. This storm sewer system leads directly to

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- Motor oil
  - Oil filters
  - Antifreeze/transmission fluid
  - Paint
  - Solvent/degreaser
  - Cooking grease
  - Detergent
  - Home improvement waste (concrete, mortar)
  - Pet waste
  - Yard waste (leaves, grass, mulch)
  - Excessive dirt and gravel
  - Trash
  - Construction debris
  - Pesticides and fertilizers
  - Other
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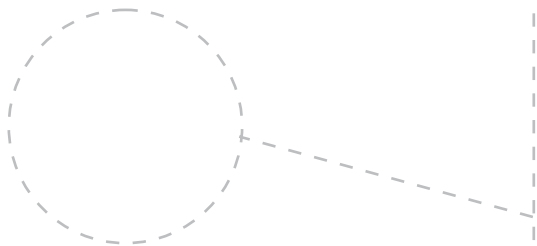


**For more information or to report an illegal discharge of pollutants, please call:**



[www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater](http://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater)

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Stormwater runoff is precipitation from rain or snowmelt that flows over the ground. As it flows, it can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and deposit them into a storm sewer system or waterbody.

Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged *untreated* into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water.

### **Remember: Only Rain Down the Drain**

To keep the stormwater leaving your home or workplace clean, follow these simple guidelines:

- ◆ Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly.
- ◆ Repair auto leaks.
- ◆ Dispose of household hazardous waste, used auto fluids (antifreeze, oil, etc.), and batteries at designated collection or recycling locations.
- ◆ Clean up after your pet.
- ◆ Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface.
- ◆ Sweep up yard debris rather than hosing down areas. Compost or recycle yard waste when possible.
- ◆ Clean paint brushes in a sink, not outdoors. Properly dispose of excess paints through a household hazardous waste collection program.
- ◆ Sweep up and properly dispose of construction debris like concrete and mortar.

