

## **Dumping of any kind into the storm drain is illegal!**

### **What is an Illicit Discharge**

Federal regulations define an illicit discharge as “...any discharge to a municipal sewer that is not composed entirely of stormwater...” with some exceptions. These exceptions include discharges from permitted industrial sources and discharges from fire-fighting activities. Illicit discharges are considered “illicit” because municipalities are not designed to accept, process, or discharge such non-stormwater wastes.

The contamination of stormwater negatively impacts our lakes, rivers, wetlands, and other water bodies. Nutrients like phosphorus and nitrogen can lead to excessive algae growth and oxygen depletion. Hazardous substances from vehicles and improper use of pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers pose a threat to water quality and can harm fish and other aquatic life.

### **Sources of Illicit Discharges**

- Sanitary wastewater
- Effluent from septic tanks
- Car wash wastewaters
- Improper oil disposal
- Radiator flushing disposal
- Laundry wastewaters
- Spills from roadway accidents
- Improper disposal of auto and
- Household toxins



### **How to report an Illicit Discharge**

**Step 1:** Observe from a safe distance. DO NOT touch or smell the substance.

**Step 2:** Notify the Village: Weekdays between 8am-4pm please call the Village’s Public Works Department at **(845)294-6288**

In case of emergency call 911

**Step 3:** Please provide the following information:

- discovery/incident time, date, and location
- description of material, source if known
- estimate extent of problem (slow trickle vs significant flow)

**The sooner we learn about these incidents, the better our chance of finding the source and correcting the problem!**