



QUICK REFERENCE ILLCIT GUIDE

ILLCIT DISCHARGE - Any liquid, not composed entirely of stormwater, that is introduced into a stormwater system. Examples include solvents, vehicle fluids, fuels, paints, household products and chlorinated swimming pool water.

ILLCIT DUMPING - Unloading or disposal of solid, semi-solid or liquid substances near or into a stormwater system. Examples include motors, containers, grass clippings and leaves.

ILLCIT SPILLS - Any intentional or accidental spill of solid, semi-solid or liquid substances into or adjacent to a stormwater system. Examples include fluids from vehicles, chemicals from drums or storage tanks, used oil, paint containers and fertilizer.

ILLCIT CONNECTIONS - Any constructed conveyance that connects non-stormwater discharges directly to a stormwater system. These illicit conveyances are located either above or below the ground and may include drains, pipes or ditches.

Stormwater system refers to storm drains, pipes, ditches, channels and ponds that convey, store, release or treat stormwater runoff.



WAYS TO REDUCE ILLCIT ACTIVITIES

HOMEOWNERS

- Dispose of household chemicals properly at designated collection sites.
- Follow label directions on pesticide and fertilizer containers and dispose of properly.
- Use yard waste as mulch or dispose of properly by bagging or composting leaves and grass clippings.
- Recycle approved containers.
- Maintain septic systems.
- De-chlorinate swimming pool water before discharging.

BUSINESSES

- Properly store and dispose of substances used in commercial processes.
- Landscape to prevent excessive runoff and erosion.
- Maintain privately owned stormwater ponds.
- Learn and comply with local environmental ordinances.



Should you have any questions on how to implement these tips, call (201) 529-3344.

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PROTECT WATER QUALITY



PREVENT ILLCIT ACTIVITIES



TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH

CITIZENS - TOGETHER
WE CAN PROTECT
OUR WATER





SOME CAUSES MAY SEEM INSIGNIFICANT, BUT THE EFFECTS CAN BE DRAMATIC

The Township of Mahwah is a beautiful place to live, work and play. We have an abundance of gorgeous streams and lakes. The Township is working together with citizens and businesses to protect these valuable natural resources.

One of the greatest threats to our lakes, rivers and streams is pollutants in stormwater runoff. Simply stated, stormwater runoff is the water that flows over the land during and immediately after a rainstorm. As this water flows, it collects pollutants such as sediment, leaves, pesticides and automobile fluids. These contaminants can impact wildlife, fish, plants and surface water quality.

The Borough has a New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) Tier A Municipal Stormwater General Permit. Part of the NJPDES Permit requires a Stormwater Management Program that prohibits harmful pollutants from entering our stormwater systems. You can help in this effort by eliminating illicit activities.



ILLICIT ACTIVITIES

Illicit activities are those that intentionally or accidentally introduce pollutants into our stormwater systems. Illicit discharge, dumping, spills and connections pose a great risk to our water resources. Fortunately, most of these actions can be prevented in both residential and commercial areas.

With your help, we can protect and preserve the vital waterways of Closter.

Please prevent or report any illicit activities you may see by calling (201) 529-3344.

WATER POLLUTION SOURCES

- 1** Illicit discharge into a stormwater system
- 2** Illicit dumping into a stormwater system or near a body of water
- 3** Illicit spills on a parking lot, road, or ground surface can flow into the nearest storm drain of a stormwater system
- 4** Illicit connections from a residence or business connected to a stormwater system that convey an illicit discharge