



What is illicit discharge?

Discharge to any part of a county or city's storm sewer system (roads, catch basins, curbs, ditches, etc.) that is not composed entirely of stormwater is considered **illicit discharge**.

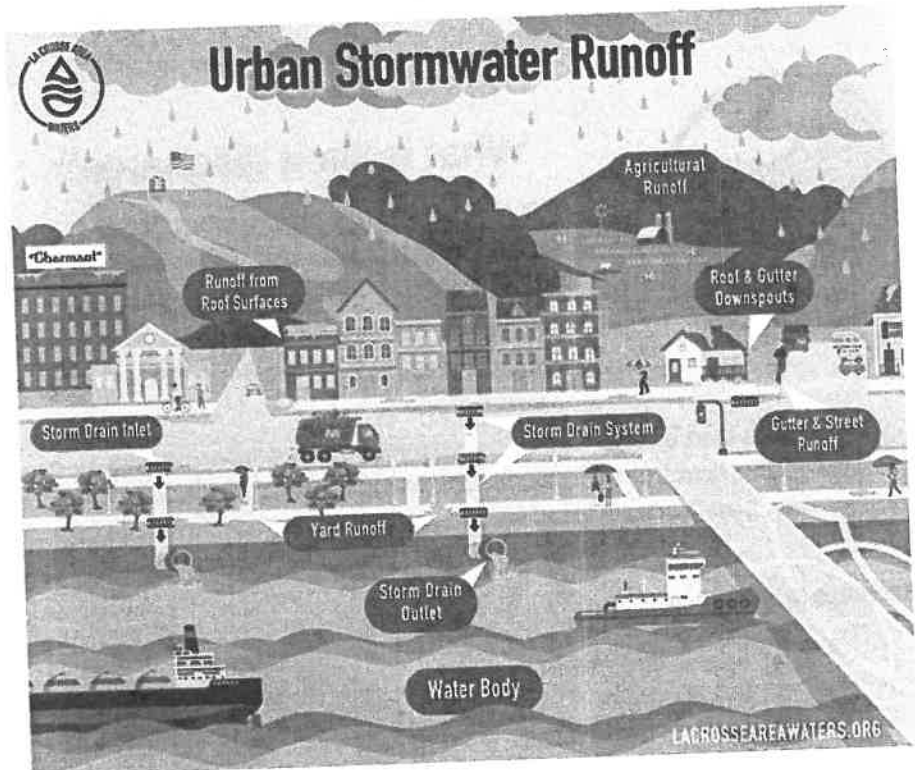
Illicit discharge that enters the storm sewer system contaminates stormwater and flows directly to nearby water bodies, degrading water quality, and harming local flora and fauna.

Common pollutants

- Soil, dirt, and sediment
- Paints and solvents
- Pesticides and herbicides
- Fertilizers
- Detergents
- Plaster
- Concrete compounds
- Asphalt compounds
- Pet Waste
- Salt
- Construction Site Runoff
- Petroleum products (fuel, oil, grease)
- Hazardous chemicals (acids, lime, glue, adhesive, curing compounds)



*** Houston County's Illicit Discharge Ordinance applies only to county right-of-way areas within Houston County's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit boundary. If you are on a city street you should contact the City of La Crescent.*



To report illicit discharges or construction activities that may negatively affect stormwater, please contact the Houston County Environmental Services Department at 507-725-5800 or email Zoning@HoCoMN.gov.

Please be ready to provide the location, date and time of the incident and a description of the illicit discharge.

