

Yeadon Borough Citizen Water Quality Hotline: 911

REPORT AN ILLICIT DISCHARGE BY CALLING 911

Although our local waterways may have a pollution source that's obvious to you, the Borough may not know about it, so please report it!

One of the largest sources of water pollution is illegal discharge of pollutants into the Borough's storm drain system.

Pollutants typically found in illicit discharges include:

- Pathogens,
- Toxic chemicals
- Raw sewage
- Heavy metals
- Oil & grease
- Soap suds.

(You'll see storm drains along streets and in parking lots – they are usually square openings covered by a metal grate.) Any discharge to this system other than stormwater is considered "illicit." Illicit discharges can happen directly or indirectly and may or may not be intentional.

Pollutants that enter the stormwater drain system are NOT treated. They are discharged directly to our creeks, streams, and eventually can end up in our oceans. When these pollutants reach a body of water, they degrade the quality of the water and may cause drinking water restrictions, loss of aquatic life and wildlife, beach closures, and restrictions on fish and shellfish harvesting.

Some examples include:

- Sanitary sewer main or lateral pipe that is connected to the storm sewer system, or a sewer main or lateral back-up that causes sewage to flow out of either a manhole or a privately owned sewer vent;
- Internal dumping of oil, grease, paint, solvents, or automobile fluids into storm drains;
- Sudsy water from a commercial carwash (the washwater is to be recycled) flowing into a storm drain;
- Sediment from construction activity that gets carried along the roadways and into a storm drain..

If you witness something suspicious flowing into a storm drain or coming out of a stormwater outfall and into a body of water when there has been no recent rain or snow event, please report it by promptly calling 9-1-1. Be sure to provide an address or landmark near the location of the suspected illicit discharge.



Oil runoff



Sediment Runoff



Sudsy Runoff



Raw Sewage runoff