

Local Regulations

The Town of Merrillville has a Storm Water Ordinance whereas no person shall discharge to a storm water conveyance any substance other than storm water or an exempted discharge. Any person discharging storm water shall effectively minimize pollutants to the maximum extent practicable through the use of best management practices (BMPs). Any person who discharges into a water body any substance other than storm water or an exempted discharge shall immediately inform the Merrillville Fire Department concerning the discharge. A written report concerning the discharge shall be submitted to the Fire Department, Public Works Department and IDEM, by the dischargers, within five (5) days after the discharge. A properly reported discharge shall be an affirmative defense from a civil infraction proceeding brought under this Ordinance against a discharger for such discharge. Any person found in violation may be subject to:

- CIVIL INFRACTION
- FINES
- STOP WORK ORDERS
- ACCESS TO STORM WATER DRAINAGE SYSTEM TERMINATED



TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE

PREVENT ILLICIT DISCHARGES TO PROTECT WATER QUALITY



Merrillville Stormwater Utility

7404 Broadway
Merrillville, Indiana 46410
(219) 472-8668

http://www.merrillville.in.gov/departments/stormwater_management

Exempted Discharges and Connections

- Water line flushing
- Landscape irrigation
- Rising ground waters
- Uncontaminated groundwater infiltration
- Uncontaminated pumped ground water
- Discharges from potable water sources
- Foundation drains
- Air conditioning condensation
- Springs
- Water from crawl space pumps
- Footing drains
- Lawn watering
- Individual residential car washing
- Flows from riparian habitats and wetlands
- De-chlorinated swimming pool discharges
- Street wash water
- Discharges from firefighting activities

What You Can Do!

- Report any polluters that are dumping or discharging pollutants into the storm drain system by calling MS4 Coordinator at: (219) 769-6784
- Ensure your home does not have any cross-connections between storm and sanitary system
- Safely dispose of household or garage chemicals. Can bring to Lake County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events. For a list of events contact Lake County Solid Waste Management District (219) 769-3820
- Follow product specifications when applying outdoor chemicals such as fertilizers and pesticides.
- Never dump any waste products or other inappropriate material into a storm drain or street grate.

REMEMBER ONLY RAIN IN THE DRAIN!

What is an Illicit Discharge?

An Illicit Discharge is defined as any discharge to the storm sewer system that is not composed entirely of storm water. So we need to prevent any potential pollutants from entering the storm drain system. This includes our ditches, swales, streams, roadway drainage, catch basins etc... Since we all live in a watershed, our land use activities may pollute storm water. Even over application of chemicals on lawns such as fertilizer can pollute our storm water. Specific sources of Illicit Discharges include but are not limited to:

- **SANITARY WASTEWATER**
- **VEHICLE FLUIDS**
- **HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS**
- **PAINTS**
- **SOLVENTS**
- **WEED KILLERS**
- **FERTILIZERS**
- **LAUNDRY WASTEWATER**
- **SEDIMENT**

