

Illicit Discharges to North Haven's Stormwater System

It is illegal to knowingly discharge any substance other than clean stormwater runoff into the Town of North Haven's storm drains or directly to any surface water. Directing or allowing a substance to enter the storm drainage system is called an "illicit discharge".

The following are some examples, which are considered to be illicit discharges:

- Oils and gas
- Antifreeze
- Paints and thinners
- Soap and other detergents
- Litter
- Eroded soils
- Any other chemicals, liquid or solid not expressly exempted below.

The following non-stormwater discharges are exempt from discharge prohibitions, provided they do not contain pollutants:

- Landscape irrigation;
- Uncontaminated groundwater discharges such as pumped groundwater, foundation drains, water from crawl space pumps and footing drains;
- Residual street wash water;
- Discharges or flows from firefighting activities (except training); and
- Naturally occurring discharges such as rising groundwaters, uncontaminated groundwater infiltration, springs, diverted stream flows and flows from riparian habitats and wetlands.

Please notify the North Haven Engineering Department, engineering@town.north-haven.ct.us, or (203) 239-5321, ext. 430, if you witness or suspect any illicit or questionable discharges. If notifying by email, please include the time and location of the discharge and other pertinent information that may assist the Town Engineer in addressing the illicit discharge.