

Attachment A - Illicit Discharge Prevention Information

Keep Pollution Out of Storm Drains and Local Waters. Village of South Blooming Grove | Stormwater / MS4 Information

Storm drains, catch basins, ditches, swales, pipes, and outfalls generally carry runoff directly to local waters without treatment. Only rain belongs in the storm-drain system unless a discharge is specifically allowable and is not a source of pollution.

A. What Discharges May Be Allowable?

Examples identified by the permit and applicable regulations may include the following when uncontaminated and when they do not violate law or contribute pollutants:

- Water-line flushing and potable-water-source discharges
- Landscape irrigation and lawn watering runoff when products are used according to labels
- Diverted stream flows, springs, and flows from riparian habitats or wetlands
- Uncontaminated groundwater, infiltration, foundation/footing drains, and crawl-space or basement sump pumps
- Air-conditioning condensate
- Individual residential car washing
- Dechlorinated swimming-pool or reservoir discharges
- Residual street wash water
- Emergency or unplanned firefighting discharges
- Other discharges separately authorized by a SPDES permit

Important: A listed discharge is not allowable if it contains pollutants, causes or contributes to a water-quality violation, or is otherwise prohibited. Contact the Village before discharging if you are uncertain.

B. What Is an Illicit Discharge and Why Is It Prohibited?

An illicit discharge is generally a discharge to the MS4 that is not composed entirely of stormwater and is not otherwise authorized. Examples include sewage, wash water containing soap or chemicals, oil, fuel, paint, concrete washout, sediment-laden water, antifreeze, solvents, pesticides, fertilizer, pool water that has not been properly dechlorinated, and waste liquids placed in or allowed to reach a storm drain, ditch, swale, or waterbody.

Illicit discharges are prohibited because the MS4 can carry pollutants directly to Satterly Creek, tributaries, wetlands, and downstream waters without treatment. Village Code Chapter 158 and applicable state and federal requirements authorize investigation, correction, and enforcement.

C. Environmental Hazards

- Bacteria and nutrients can make water unsafe, cause odors, and promote algae growth.
- Oil, fuel, antifreeze, solvents, and household chemicals can be toxic to fish, wildlife, pets, and people.
- Sediment can smother aquatic habitat, transport other pollutants, and clog drainage systems.

- Paint, concrete washout, detergents, pesticides, and fertilizers can change water chemistry and harm aquatic life.
- Improper disposal can contaminate surface water and groundwater and may create fire, slip, or exposure hazards.

D. Prevent Illicit Discharges: Proper Handling and Disposal

Activity	Required protective practice
Household hazardous waste, oil, paint, chemicals	Never pour onto the ground or into a storm drain. Keep containers closed and labeled; use an authorized collection or disposal facility.
Vehicle washing and maintenance	Use a commercial wash where feasible, minimize water, keep wash water out of storm drains, repair leaks, and recycle used oil and antifreeze.
Swimming pools	Follow applicable dechlorination and discharge requirements. Do not discharge if water contains pollutants or would cause erosion or enter the MS4 improperly.
Septic systems	Inspect and pump as recommended; repair failures promptly; never discharge sewage or seepage to the MS4.
Construction and landscaping	Stabilize soil, maintain erosion controls, cover materials, contain concrete washout, sweep sediment, and never hose debris into the street or drain.
Dumpsters and outdoor storage	Keep lids closed, repair leaks/holes, use secondary containment where needed, and keep materials away from drains and waters.
Pet waste, fertilizers and pesticides	Pick up pet waste. Apply products only as directed; avoid overapplication and application before rain.

E. Report a Suspected Illicit Discharge

Report observations promptly. Provide the location, date/time, description, photographs if safely available, and whether the discharge is ongoing. Do not enter a hazardous area or touch unknown material.

Method	Village reporting information
Phone	Village Hall: (845) 782-2600 during business hours
Fax	(845) 782-2601
In person / mail	Village Hall, 811 Route 208, Blooming Grove, NY 10950
Incident Report / email	Contact - Village of South Blooming Grove
Emergency	For an immediate threat to health or safety, call 911. Notify appropriate spill/emergency authorities as applicable.

For more information, visit the Village stormwater/MS4 webpage: [MS4 Report Archives - Village of South Blooming Grove](#)