

Illicit Discharges to Derby's Stormwater System

Any pollutants, such as oil, soap, wastewater of any kind, litter, chemicals, eroded soils, etc. that are dumped or allowed to enter the storm drains eventually will end up polluting the surface waters and our environment.

For this reason, it is illegal to knowingly discharge any substance, other than clean stormwater runoff, into the Town's storm drains or directly to any surface water. Directing or allowing a substance, other than clean stormwater runoff, to enter the storm drainage system is called an "illicit discharge".

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 Derby Department of Public Works, PublicWorks@derbyct.gov, or (203) 736-1468, or in person at 49 Coon Hollow Road, 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 City in addressing the illicit discharge.