

What Can you Do?

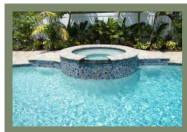
You can help minimize illicit discharges by disposing of waste in the proper manner

- Take used motor oil to a participating oil recycling center
- Follow label directions regarding disposal of cleaners
- Compost yard waste or bag and dispose using solid waste collection programs
- Report any illicit discharge to the City



Swimming Pool and Spa

- Do not drain swimming pools unless a test kit detects zero chlorine
- A pool should never be drained into the storm sewer system or a canal or waterway!
- Pool and spa chemicals should be stored properly to prevent leaks and spills, preferably in a covered area to avoid exposure to stormwater



Important Take Home Points

Remember...

- What we do on land affects the quality of the water we drink and use
- Small sources of pollution add up to cause big water quality problems
- Natural things such as soil, leaves, grass clippings, and pet waste cause water pollution
- Waste dumped into storm sewers goes into the river untreated
- Automobiles and other vehicles that are not properly maintained cause air pollution and water pollution.

WHAT YOU DO MAKES A DIFFERENCE EVERY DAY!

Reporting of Illegal Dumping or Suspicious Discharges

Notify the City of Palm Bay Public Works Department of any illegal dumping or discharge incidents at the time of discovery.

Call Customer Service at
321-952-3437

The City of Palm Bay adopted an Ordinance Sections 95.20-95.99 which states that a Notice of Violation may be administered to the responsible party who may be fined for the administrative, inspection and remediation cost and may be required to implement Best Management Practices at their expense.

Illicit Discharge



Public Works Department
1050 Malabar Rd SW
Palm Bay, Florida 32907

What is an Illicit Discharge?

An illicit discharge or illegal discharge is any disposal, emptying, or dumping of any substance other than rainfall into the stormwater drainage system or into the groundwater. The accidental spill or leakage of a harmful substance is also an illicit discharge.



Examples of Illicit Discharge:

- Sanitary waste water
- Septic Tank Effluent
- Car wash waste waters
- Motor oil/fuel disposal
- Laundry waste waters
- Pesticides and herbicides
- Auto and household toxics disposal
- Leaves, grass clippings and yard waste



Six Easy Ways That You Can Keep Discharges Out of Our Water ways

1. Used oil, antifreeze, and batteries can be recycled. Clean up any spills immediately, kitty litter will absorb the spill. Be sure to sweep these up as well.



2. Wash your car on the grass so that the water, detergent and dirt will be filtered by the soil. A better solution is to take your car to a commercial car wash, where the dirty water is sent to a wastewater treatment plant.



3. Empty bottles of household cleaners, pesticides, and weed killer should be disposed of according to the label directions.



4. Grass clippings in the street should be swept up after each mowing. Grass clippings left in the street are being washed down into storm sewers and end up in stream where they foster algae growth.



5. Many household products, including paints, paint thinners, and solvents can be taken to drop off sites. Paint brushes used with water based paint can be rinsed in the sink. Leftover latex or water based paint in a can? Fill the can with kitty litter and once the paint is absorbed it can be set out for trash pick up



6. When walking pets, use a bag or a scooper to clean up after them.

