



Stormwater Regulations

City of Wilmington Ordinance: ILLICIT DISCHARGE

Effective September 15, 2009

Chapter 12 - Utilities

An illicit discharge is described as anything that enters the storm drainage system which is not composed entirely of rainwater. Allowable exceptions that *can* enter the drainage system include water from firefighting, waterline flushing, landscape irrigation water, air conditioning condensate, de-chlorinated swimming pool water, etc.



The City's Illicit Discharge Ordinance specifies:

- The city will have the authority to enter property to inspect for illicit discharges, and if found, to require that they be disconnected and permanently closed.
- Commercial businesses are not permitted to wash vehicles, equipment, or any other surfaces with any soaps or solvents or dislodge any other substances that may be harmful to surface waters, unless the resulting wastewater is collected and diverted to the sanitary sewer system.
- Restaurants will not be permitted to discharge any wastewater outside.
- Dumpster lids must be kept closed and dumpster plugs in place.
- Swimming pool water must be de-chlorinated before discharging.
- Floor drains in old buildings, connected to the storm drainage system, will be required to be disconnected and permanently closed.
- Residents and businesses will be expected to prevent harmful substances from running off into the storm drainage system.
- **Anyone found responsible for causing a polluting substance to enter the storm drainage system will be subject to a fine up to \$10,000 per violation.**