

Major Sources

- ◆ Sewage and Septage Leaks
- ◆ Wash-water (from homes, commercial business, industrial processes)
- ◆ Liquid waste (oil, paint, other spills)
- ◆ Construction Sites
- ◆ Yard Waste
- ◆ Illegal Dumping



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City of Owatonna IDDE Program



“Clean H₂Owatonna” is the City of Owatonna’s Stormwater Management initiative to improve the quality of our water resources and protect them from harmful pollutants.

Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination

An illicit discharge or *illegal* discharge is any disposal or dumping of any substance other than rainfall into the stormwater system.

An illicit connection or *illegal* connection is any connection of wastewater, such as from a bathroom or a washing machine into the stormwater system.

The accidental spill or leak of a harmful substance is also considered an illicit discharge. ***It is your responsibility to report any accidental or intentional illicit discharge to avoid further penalties outlined in the City Stormwater Management Ordinance 52.25.***

The City of Owatonna's IDDE Program aims at preventing and detecting any source of illicit discharge to eliminate the potential for pollution in a timely manner.

How does this cause pollution?

The stormwater drainage system collects all the rainwater that runs off hard surfaces, such as pavement and rooftops. This water flows along the curb and gutter and then drains into a catch basin or drop inlet. After entering the system, any pollutants collected by the rainwater are routed to the nearest creek, river, lake or wetland.

Anything entering the system besides rainfall is considered an illicit discharge and violates Stormwater Management Ordinance 52.25.



REPORT an Illicit Discharge!
Contact 507-774-7300 or through the Anonymous Tip-line on the City Stormwater Website



Please help the City of Owatonna protect water quality and our environment by keeping pollutants out of the communities waterways and drinking water supply.

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