

Illicit Discharge Hotline: *If you suspect an illicit discharge or connection to the storm sewer system is present, please contact our department at 870-730-2020 and report it so we may investigate.*

- **What is an Illicit Discharge or Connection?**
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What is an Illicit Discharge or Connection?

An illicit discharge is any discharge to the storm drain system that is not composed entirely of rain water or groundwater. Examples include dumping of motor vehicle fluids, household hazardous wastes, grass clippings, leaf litter, industrial waste, detergents and paint, restaurant wastes, or any other non-storm water waste into a storm water system. An illicit connection is the discharge of pollutants or non-storm water materials into a storm sewer system via a pipe or any other direct connection. Sources of illicit connections may include sanitary sewer taps, wash water for laundromats or carwashes, and other similar sources.



How Do I Spot an Illicit Discharge or Connection?

- Look for makeshift pipes or hoses that lead to a storm drain or body of water.
- Look for people pouring or dumping contaminants into the storm sewers, and catch basins.
- Watch for stains, unusual odors, structural damage to streets or gutters, and abnormal vegetative growth in nearby lakes and streams.
- If you see an illicit discharge or connection, REPORT IT to the City of Pine Bluff. The Stormwater Ordinance, adopted by our community, give us legal authority to inspect and sample discharge, as well as enforce sanctions for violations.