

# Stormwater Pollution Found in Your Area!

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This is to inform you that our staff found the following illegal pollutants in the storm sewer system in your neighborhood.

This storm sewer leads directly to:



It is illegal to put any of these items in the storm drain, punishable by a minimum \$1000 fine:

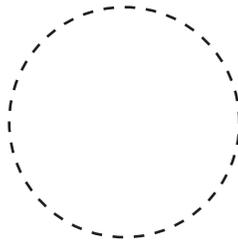
- Motor oil
- Oil filters
- Antifreeze/transmission fluid
- Paint
- Solvent/degreaser
- Cooking grease
- Detergent
- Home improvement waste (concrete, mortar)
- Pet waste
- Yard waste (leaves, grass, mulch)
- Excessive dirt and gravel
- Trash
- Construction debris
- Pesticides and fertilizers
- Other \_\_\_\_\_



Delaware Department  
of Transportation

If you have any information regarding this or any other illegal discharge of pollutants, please call:

**1-800-652-5600**



Stormwater runoff is water from rain or snowmelt that flows over the ground. As it flows, it can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and deposit them into a storm sewer system or waterbody.

Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged **untreated** into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water.

**Remember:  
Only Rain Down the Storm Drain!**

To keep the stormwater that leaves your home or workplace clean, follow these simple guidelines:

- 💧 Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly.
- 💧 Repair auto leaks.
- 💧 Dispose of household hazardous wastes, used auto fluids (antifreeze, oil, etc.), and batteries at designated collection or recycling locations.
- 💧 Clean up after your pet.
- 💧 Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface.
- 💧 Sweep up yard debris rather than hosing down areas. Compost or recycle yard waste when possible.
- 💧 Clean paint brushes in a sink, not outdoors. Properly dispose of excess paints through a household hazardous waste collection program.
- 💧 Sweep up and properly dispose of construction debris such as concrete and mortar.