

What is an illicit Discharge?

Federal EPA regulations define an illicit discharge as any discharge to a municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) that is not composed entirely of stormwater with few exceptions. Some exceptions include discharges from EPA permitted (NPDES) industrial sources and discharges from fire-fighting activities. Illicit discharges are considered illicit because MS4s are not designed to accept, process, or discharge such non-stormwater wastes.

To all Town of Perryville residents, an Illicit Discharge can be –

Any trash, garbage, or spilled motor oil / antifreeze / gasoline on the sidewalks or streets left unattended.

To all Perryville Home Owners, an Illicit Discharge can be –

Yard waste such as excess grass clippings or dead leaves & branches on the yard left unattended

The draining of chlorinated swimming pool water into the Town storm drains.

To all Perryville Pet Owners, an Illicit Discharge can be –

Pet waste left unattended.

For the full list of illicit discharges and exempt discharges, please follow the link below for Town Code, Chapter 38 – Discharges Into the Storm Drainage System:

https://www.perryvillemd.org/sites/perryvillemd/files/uploads/chapter_38_discharges_into_the_storm_drainage_system.pdf