

# ILLICIT DISCHARGE FACTS

## ONLY RAIN DOWN THE STORM DRAIN

IT IS **ILLEGAL** TO DISCHARGE ANYTHING INTO THE STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM EXCEPT STORMWATER AND THE APPROVED DISCHARGES LISTED BELOW . . .

**T**own of Vinton, along with other towns, counties, and cities across Virginia are required by state law to have programs in place to reduce the discharge of pollutants to Virginia's receiving waters, including streams, rivers, bays, and the Atlantic Ocean.



Because of these requirements, the Town has adopted an Illicit Discharge Ordinance, which makes it illegal to discharge anything into a storm drain or onto the ground where it may enter a storm drain, **except the following**:

1. Discharges or flows covered by a separate individual or general VPDES or VSMP permit for non-stormwater discharges, issued by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality; or
2. Non-stormwater discharges or flows, as listed in the following categories:
  - a) Water line flushing;
  - b) Landscape irrigation;
  - c) Diverted stream flows or rising groundwater;
  - d) Uncontaminated ground water infiltration;
  - e) Uncontaminated pumped groundwater;
  - f) Discharges from potable water sources;
  - g) Foundation drains;
  - h) Air conditioning condensate;
  - i) Irrigation water;
  - j) Springs;
  - k) Water from crawl space pumps;
  - l) Footing drains;
  - m) Lawn watering;
  - n) Individual residential car washing (this exemption does not include any commercial or business activity);
  - o) Flows from riparian habitats and wetlands;
  - p) De-chlorinated swimming pool discharges;
  - q) Street wash water; and
  - r) Firefighting activities.

POLLUTANTS THAT ENTER HERE . . .



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## **R**esources

**Report Illicit Discharges** on the Town's website at <http://www.vintonva.gov/index.aspx?NID=209>. Click on "Illicit Discharge Reporting Form" and provide a specific location (address of nearest residence), description of discharge, and any other appropriate information.

**To learn more** about the harmful effects of illicit discharges on the area's receiving waters, see the Town's various public education videos, entitled *Illicit Discharge, Detection and Elimination - A Grate Concern*, on our website: <http://www.vintonva.gov/index.aspx?NID=396>.

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