



Illicit Discharge Reporting Form

Town of Vinton is mandated by Federal law, through its Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit, to establish an illicit discharge program. An illicit (i.e., illegal) discharge is any substance that is deposited or allowed to flow into the Town's municipal separate storm sewer system that is NOT entirely composed of stormwater, except those specifically exempted.

The Vinton Planning and Zoning Department is responsible for operating and enforcing the Illicit Discharge Program.

Unlike wastewater from sinks, toilets, and showers, which flows via an underground pipe system to a treatment facility for cleaning/purification before it is discharged into waterways, stormwater is untreated and goes directly into local creeks, streams, and eventually the Roanoke River. Thus, nothing should be poured or deposited into the storm drainage system, which includes the street, curb and gutter, drainage inlets, pipes, ditches, and other channels.

If you see anything other than stormwater going onto street surfaces or into the storm drains within the Town, such as leaves, grass clippings, motor oil, etc., please report it immediately by filling out the below form and submitting it via mail or email. Send the completed form to the Town of Vinton at the address below or email it to: jhiner@vintonva.gov. You may also contact the Town's Stormwater Program Manager at (540) 983-0646.

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Your Phone: _____

Your Email Address: _____

Address Where Illicit Discharge Exists: _____

Please describe the Illicit Discharge you saw: _____

Mail or drop off completed form to:

Town of Vinton

Public Works Department

804 3rd Street

Vinton, VA 24179

OR email form to: jhiner@vintonva.gov

OR fax form to: (540) 985-4582

LIST of Exempted Discharges

The following non-stormwater discharges are allowable, unless they have been identified by the Town of Vinton or Virginia Water Control Board as significant contributors of pollutants:

- 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;
- o. Flows from riparian habitats and wetlands;
- p. De-chlorinated swimming pool discharges;
- q. Street wash water; and
- r. Firefighting activities