

## Good & Bad



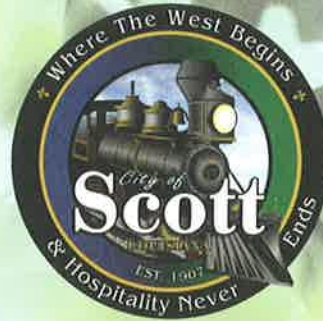
Good: Only Rain in the Drain! The water drains to the river.



Bad: Grass and leaves blown into a storm drain interfere with drainage. Dirt is also being allowed in our waterways.

### Potential Illicit Discharge Sources:

- Sanitary sewer wastewater.
- Effluent from septic tanks.
- Laundry wastewater.
- Improper disposal of auto and household toxics.
- Industrial byproduct discharge.



## Environmental Quality Regulatory Compliance

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City of Scott

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Please be advised that the City of Scott recently adopted an

### Illicit Discharge and Connection to the Storm Sewer System Ordinance

#### City Ordinance Number 2007-9

It is now in effect and being enforced. You may access this ordinance online at [www.cityofscott.org](http://www.cityofscott.org) or you may call our office at (337) 233-1130 and we will send you a copy by mail.

The purpose of this ordinance is to provide for the health, safety, and general welfare of Scott citizens by regulating, to the maximum extent practicable as required by state and federal law, discharges of unacceptable materials (example: oil, yard waste, dirt, debris, paint) into the storm drainage system.

## POSSIBLE PENALTIES

#### First Offense:

\$250.00 per day per offense

#### Second Offense:

\$350.00 per day per offense.

#### Third Offense and thereafter:

\$500.00 per day per offense.

## Stormwater Runoff

Illicit connections to the storm sewer system include: drainage from raw materials storage, vehicle wash areas, and raw sewage. Discharges such as these into the storm sewer or sanitary sewer system require a permit. Contact our office at (337) 233-1130 for assistance regarding what type of permit is required.

When leaves, grass, and debris enter the storm drain, flooding can occur. Only rain must enter the storm drain. When anything but rain goes down the storm drain, it can become a drainage problem.

Grass clippings left on the ground improve the health of the lawn itself. Stormwater runoff from improper lawn maintenance and illicit connections are a contributor of water pollution and can harm water bodies by:

- Increasing the levels of sediment and suspended solids, which lower oxygen levels in water bodies.
- Increasing nutrients (nitrogen & phosphorus that are found in washing detergents) that also lower oxygen levels and reduces water quality.
- Over-applying and improper storage of fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides results in them washing away into nearby waterways.



**REMEMBER ONLY RAIN  
DOWN THE DRAIN!**

## Illicit Discharge

is defined by the EPA as:

Any discharge into a municipal separate storm sewer that is not composed entirely of rainwater and is not authorized by permit.

## Signs of Potential Illicit Discharge

- Heavy flow during dry weather.
- Strong odor.
- Colorful or discolored liquid.
- Evidence of dumping into waterway.

## Things to do around your home

- In your yard, incorporate low maintenance native plants that will require less water, fertilizer and pesticides and therefore can reduce harmful runoff. Use only the amount of pesticide and fertilizer recommended.
- Wash your vehicle over a grassy area to prevent detergents from running off into storm drains.



- Do not put grass clippings, leaves, and other yard waste into the storm drain, swale, ditch or coulee.
- Properly dispose of hazardous materials including **paints, antifreeze, other toxic chemicals** and recycle oil.