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# CITY OF WARREN



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## WATER POLLUTION CONTROL STORM WATER PHASE II MANAGEMENT PROGRAM ILLICIT DISCHARGE & DETECTION PROGRAM

### STORM WATER PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM

The City of Warren has recognized the need and importance of taking a proactive approach toward storm water management. To accomplish this, the Water Pollution Control Department (WPC) developed a comprehensive Storm Water management program to address water quantity (flooding) and improving water quality, as well as revenue generation needs of the City. This comprehensive program was submitted to the EPA as the City's Stormwater Phase II Management Program in March of 2003.

#### What Is An "Illicit Discharge"?

Federal Regulations define an illicit discharge as any discharge to a municipal storm sewer system that is not composed entirely of storm water, obviously with a few exceptions. These discharges are considered illicit because the municipal storm sewers are not designed to accept, process, or discharge such non-storm water wastes.

#### What Are Examples of Illicit Discharges?

- Sanitary Wastewater
- Effluent from Septic Tanks
- Car Wash Wastewater
- Improper Oil Disposal
- Radiator Flushing Disposal
- Laundry Wastewater
- Spills from Roadway Accidents

- Improper Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste

#### Reporting of Illegal Dumping or Suspicious Discharges:

This Program will, in great part, rely on participation from the public. Residents who observe illegal dumping or observe pollutants within waterways or the storm sewer should contact **WPC during business hours at 330-841-2591, after hours call 330-307-4211 to report such activity. This Program cannot succeed without strong public participation!**

#### How Are Illicit Discharges Eliminated?

Once illicit discharges are detected and traced to their points of origin, WPC will make the proper corrections, if the problem is within public jurisdiction. If the point of origin is found to be private, WPC will serve a notice of violation to and work with the generator of the illicit discharge in an advisory capacity in order to eliminate future problems.

#### What did the WPC Department do in 2017 to manage storm water?

- 18,590 linear feet of storm sewer was flushed.*
- 390 storm inlets were cleaned out.*
- 1053 inlet tops were cleaned.*
- 42 storm inlets were rebuilt or installed.*
- 6,340 linear feet of ditchline was excavated.*
- 848 linear feet of storm pipe installed.*

#### What has WPC done to begin to eliminate illicit connections?

In the winter of 2003/2004 WPC began to map storm water outfalls to the Mahoning River. During periods with 3 or more consecutive days without rainfall, storm outfalls are visually inspected, and sampling is performed on active storm pipe discharges. If tests show unusual levels of pollutants, storm sewers are traced upstream to determine the source of pollution. WPC's goal is to annually inspect all known storm discharges from the City. Storm sewers actively discharging during dry weather periods will be sampled.

#### What can I do to HELP?

The following are things that residents can do to help stormwater get into the stormwater system and increase the quality of stormwater discharging to the Mahoning River.

- **Residents should rake leaves, grass clippings, and yard waste to prevent debris from clogging storm inlets.**

- Do not discard household or hazardous waste anywhere it can enter the storm sewer, for example: paint, oils, non-biodegradable cleansers, etc.

- Keep ditches and yard drains clear of debris. Call WPC if drive culverts or street inlets need cleaned.

For further information or to report illegal dumping into the sewers, contact the following WPC staff:

**330-841-2591**

Properly dispose of household hazardous waste and other household trash and debris. Please contact the following agencies with any questions regarding disposal of any such waste:

City of Warren Environmental Services

613 Main Ave. SW, Warren  
330-841-2561

Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management  
5138 Enterprise Blvd.,  
Northwest Business Park, Warren  
1-800-707-2673

