

Keep in mind....



- **What we do on land affects the quality of water we drink and use in so many ways.**
- **Many small sources of pollution add up to cause big water quality problems.**
- **Natural things such as soil, leaves, grass clippings, and pet waste can cause water pollution.**
- **Automobiles and other vehicles cause water pollution as well as air pollution.**



Reporting of Illegal Dumping or Suspicious Discharges



Reporting will, in great part, rely on participation from the public.

Residents who observe pollutants in waterways or storm sewers should contact the City of Ocala at (352) 629-8309 to report a discharge violation.

What You Can Do!

You can help minimize illicit discharges by disposing waste in the proper manner.

- **Take used motor oil to a participating oil recycling center.**
- **Follow label directions regarding container disposal of cleaners.**
- **Compost yard waste, or bag and dispose of it using solid waste collection programs.**
- **Report any illicit discharge to the City of Ocala.**



Illicit Discharge... it affects us all.



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What is Illicit Discharge?

An Illicit Discharge is the introduction (accidentally or purposely) of non-storm water to the ground or into the storm sewer.

Examples of Illicit Discharge include:

- **Sanitary waste water.**
- **Septic tank effluent.**
- **Car wash waste water.**
- **Motor oil disposal.**
- **Laundry waste waters.**
- **Auto and household toxics disposal.**
- **Leaves and yard waste.**



Seven Steps to Keep Illicit Discharges Out of Our Waterways.

It's up to all of us who call Ocala home to keep the city clean.

There are simple steps that we can take to solve the problems that illicit discharges create:

- 1. Used oil, antifreeze, and batteries can be recycled. Clean up any spills immediately, kitty litter or sawdust will absorb the spill. Be sure to sweep these up as well.**
- 2. Wash your car on the grass so that the water, detergent, and dirt will be filtered by the soil. A better solution is to take your car to a commercial car wash, where the dirty water is sent to a waste water treatment plant.**
- 3. Empty bottles of household cleaners, pesticides, and weed killer should be disposed of according to label directions.**
- 4. Grass clippings in the street should be swept up after each mowing. Grass clippings left in the street are being washed down into the storm sewers and end up in the streams where they have the potential to cause algae problems.**

- 6. Many household products, including paints, paint thinners, and solvents can be taken to drop off sites. Paint brushes used with water based paint can be rinsed in the sink. If you have leftover paint in a can and it is latex or water-based paint, you can fill the can with kitty litter and once it is absorbed you can set it out for trash pick up.**
- 7. When walking your pet, use a bag or use a scooper to clean up your pet's waste. In order to keep animal waste from contaminating our community, anyone who walks a pet should properly dispose of waste by picking it up, wrapping it, and placing into the trash or flushing it unwrapped.**

