

## Remember...

- 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.
- Waste dumped into storm sewers goes into the Minnesota River without treatment.
- Automobiles and other vehicles cause water pollution as well as air pollution

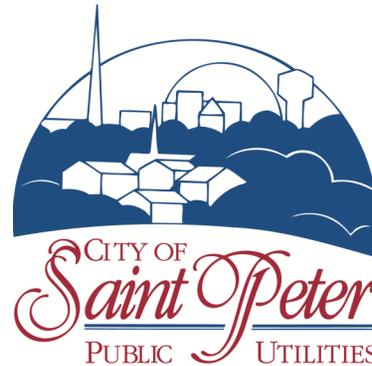
**Everyone can make a difference!**



### Reporting of Illegal Dumping or Suspicious Discharges:



Reporting will, in great part, rely on participation from the public. Residents who observe illegal dumping or observe pollutants within waterways or storm sewers should contact the City of Saint Peter, Department of Public Works Office at 507-934-0670 to report a stormwater violation or use the stormwater violation form located on the City's website. This program cannot succeed without strong public participation.



## CITY OF SAINT PETER

# Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination



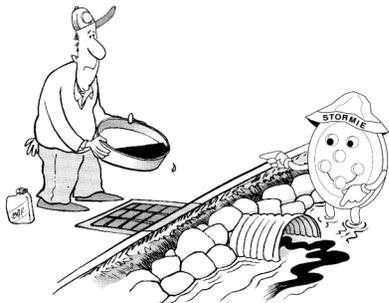
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# What is an Illicit Discharge?

An illicit discharge is defined as “any discharge into a municipal storm sewer system that is not composed entirely of stormwater”. Some of the pollutants that fall into this broad category are:

- **Car wash wastewater**
- **Gas and motor oil**
- **Grass clippings**
- **Household cleansers**
- **Paints**
- **Pesticides**
- **Pet waste**
- **Solvents**
- **Weed killer**



Sometimes these pollutants are carried through the storm drainage system by rain, wind, or improper disposal into the Minnesota River. This can result in serious health and water quality problems. In addition, wildlife and the overall appearance of the river are adversely affected by illicit discharges.

## Six Easy Ways That You Can Keep Illicit Discharges Out of The Minnesota River

There are simple steps that we can take to solve the problems that the Minnesota River faces. It is up to YOU, the homeowner and business owners who call Saint Peter home, to clean it up and to help keep it clean!



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. Better yet, take your car to a commercial car wash, where the dirty water is sent to the wastewater treatment plant.

3. Empty bottles of **household cleansers, 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 Minnesota River where they have the potential to cause algae blooms.



5. Many household products, including **paints, paint thinners, and solvents** can be taken to Tri-County Solid Waste drop-off sites. Paint brushes used with water based paint can be rinsed in the sink. If you have a small amount of leftover paint in a can, stuff it loosely with newspaper, let the paint dry out completely, and put it in the trash.



5. 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 either placing it into the trash or flushing it **UNWRAPPED!**