

Proper Disposal of Household Hazardous Wastes:

The Rappahannock Regional Solid Waste Management Board (R-Board) offers Household Hazardous Waste Collection days each year at sites in Stafford County and the City of Fredericksburg. If you have hazardous waste in need of disposal, see below:

Residents from both localities can bring household hazardous wastes to specified locations for proper disposal. Proof of residency in Stafford County or the City of Fredericksburg must be provided in order to drop off hazardous materials.

For more information about household hazardous waste collection, please contact:



Rappahannock Regional
Solid Waste Management Board
(540) 658-4590

www.r-board.org



Stafford County Dept. of Public Works
1300 Courthouse Road, P.O. Box 339
Stafford, Virginia 22555
T (540) 658-8830
F (540) 658-8840

**Report Illicit Discharges
(540) 658-8830**



**Penalties for Knowingly Producing
an Illicit Discharge:**

**Class 1 Misdemeanor
& Fines of \$250-\$1,000
(County Code - §Chapter 21.5 Article II)**



Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination Program

Stafford County needs your help to protect our valuable water resources. Please review the information below so that you can do your part in protecting our rivers, lakes and streams.

What is an Illicit Discharge?

An Illicit Discharge is defined as any discharge to the storm sewer system that is not composed entirely of stormwater. Specific sources and examples of illicit discharges are further listed in this brochure.

What is the purpose of an Illicit Discharge Program?

Stafford County enacted an illicit discharge ordinance in 2005 in order to comply with requirements of the Federal Clean Water Act. The main purpose of implementing an illicit discharge detection and elimination program is to identify and eliminate illicit discharges in order to improve the quality of water flowing into our rivers, lakes and streams.

Sources of Illicit Discharges:



Sanitary wastewater

Gas and motor oil

Household cleansers

Paints

Pesticides

Solvents

Vehicle spills

Weed killers

Radiator flushing disposal

Laundry wastewaters

If you dump waste products in a storm drain gutter or street grate, it **DOES NOT** go to a sewage treatment plant to be cleaned. Instead, the untreated waste is discharged directly into the environment and our local rivers, lakes and streams.



www.onlyrain.org

What is NOT an Illicit Discharge?

- Discharges covered under a Virginia Pollution Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) or National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit
- Discharges from firefighting activities
- Water line flushing
- Landscape irrigation
- Diverted stream flows or rising groundwater
- Infiltration of uncontaminated groundwater
- Pumping of uncontaminated groundwater
- Discharges from potable water sources, foundation drains, irrigation water, springs water from crawl spaces or footing drains
- Air conditioning condensation
- Lawn watering
- Residential car washing
- Public street washing
- Swimming pool discharges

◇ **REMINDER** ◇

If any of the above activities are found to cause sewage, industrial wastes or other hazardous wastes to be discharged into the system, Stafford County can order that the activity be stopped.

What you can do to prevent illicit discharges:

- Never dump any waste products or other inappropriate materials into a storm drain gutter or street grate.
- Take waste products to an appropriate disposal facility.
- Secure chemicals or cleaners over a protective surface and away from storm drains or water bodies.
- Provide shelter to any hazardous waste product and do not expose any waste product to direct rainfall.
- Use tarps to catch waste and residue when working outside on vehicles or painting.
- Apply absorbing material (ex. cat litter) to any hazardous spill immediately.
- Educate family, friends and neighbors about the proper disposal of waste products.



water.epa.gov