



Sumter County
Sumter, South Carolina
29150

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Stormwater Department

What can I do to help?

You can help prevent illicit discharges by:

- Disposing of paint, cleaners, and other household chemicals according to label directions.
- Picking up and properly disposing of any pet waste.
- Not making any non-permitted connections to the storm water system.
- Notifying Sumter County Storm Water department of any illicit discharges you observe.

RESOURCES AND CONTACTS

The IDDE Ordinance may be viewed by visiting the Sumter County Web-page and selecting A-Z listings, and then Code of Ordinances.

Sumter County Website: www.sumtercountysc.org

The NPDES General Permit for Storm Water Discharges from Regulated Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems can be viewed at:

www.scdhec.gov/environment/water/swnpdes.htm

To report an illicit discharge, please call the Stormwater Department at (803)-774-3854.

Illicit Discharges



With your help, we can prevent pollution to Sumter's water bodies, and ensure that future generations can enjoy their use.

Sumter County Stormwater Department
1289 N Main Street
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Who are we?

We are a branch of Sumter County Government that focuses on the regulation and monitoring of the storm water system.

What is storm water?

Storm water is any precipitation that runs off of the land. This water can flow overland or be channeled through a catch basin, ditch, pipe, or any combination of the above into a water body. While it travels to water bodies, pollutants can be added from yards, streets, or people making direct connections to the storm water system. Because storm water is not treated by a treatment plant, these pollutants, along with the storm water, go directly into the water body.

Why is regulation of the storm water system necessary?

Sumter County is allowed to discharge storm water under a permit granted by SC DHEC known as the *NPDES General Permit for Storm Water Discharges from Regulated Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems*. Under this permit, only storm water is allowed to enter water bodies of the state. As a result Sumter County must monitor the system for pollutants and eliminate any illicit discharges or connections that are causing them, or face fines.

What are Illicit Discharges?

Illicit discharges are non-exempt discharges of anything other than storm water that make their way into the storm water system (whether accidentally or purposefully) by pipe or over land. Some examples include:

- Household Chemicals and Paint
- Leaves, Grass Clippings, and Yard Waste
- Motor Oil and Antifreeze
- Household Waste Water (washing machine, sink, and toilet)
- Litter
- Pet Waste



These two pictures are of household waste water being piped into a ditch.



What are some exemptions?

Although not storm water, the following discharges are permitted to the system:

- De-Chlorinated discharge from swimming pools
- Landscape Irrigation
- Washing Your Personal Vehicle
- Foundation/Yard Drains

ILLICIT DISCHARGES ARE ILLEGAL!

Sumter County has adopted an Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) Ordinance, that prohibits illicit discharges and connections to the storm water system and sets up a system of penalties for violations. The ordinance (Chapter 40, Section 40-94, Article V) can be found on the Sumter County Website.

Inspections

In compliance with the SC DHEC storm water permit requirements, Sumter County will be inspecting storm water assets for illicit connections regularly. Anyone found to be in violation of the IDDE ordinance will be informed of their violation and what corrective measures they should take.



Paint entering the storm water system through a catch basin.