



Keep Our State Waterways Clean



What Is Illegal Dumping and Illicit Discharge?

Illegal dumping is the deliberate disposal of waste materials on public or private land. Illicit discharge is any discharge to the storm drain system that is not entirely stormwater.



How Can You Help?



Dispose of waste properly.



Participate in or support local clean-ups & recycling programs.



If you witness illegal dumping or illicit discharges, report it.



Secure debris with tarps or covers.

Why Is Illegal Dumping and Illicit Discharge a Problem?



Public Health and Safety:

Dumping and discharge sites can contain broken glass, exposed metal, hazardous wastes, pests, and other dangerous materials.



Environmental Harm:

It pollutes the surface and groundwater, and can carry pollutants into streams and lakes. The pollution can carry harmful chemicals and toxins into our drinking water, as well as negatively impact plants and wildlife.



Unsightly Land Comes at a Cost:

This causes clean-up costs that wastes your taxpayer dollars. People are more likely to dump or discharge in common locations, which become more and more unsightly.

Common Illegal Dumping and Illicit Discharge Items Include:

Yard Waste
Litter from Vehicle
Household Trash or
Toxic Chemicals

Automotive Fluids
Pesticides
Grease
Electronics
Septic Tank Waste

Help STOP Illegal Dumping and Illicit Discharges along MDOT SHA Roadways

**IF YOU SEE IT,
REPORT IT!**

Report Illegal Dumping and Illicit Discharges to MDOT SHA:

For More Information: <http://www.roads.maryland.gov/Home.aspx>

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