

RESIDENTIAL ILLICIT DISCHARGE PREVENTION



Pollutant of Concern: Multiple

Help Keep Illicit Discharges Out of Our Rivers and Stormwater Facilities.

What is an Illicit Discharge?

An illicit discharge is any discharge to a gutter, storm drain, or surface water body that is not composed entirely of stormwater. Think **“Only Rain in The Storm Drain.”** Whereas, there are conditionally exempt discharges pursuant to regulations, City staff are available to evaluate those on a case by case basis. If you are not sure about a discharge contact the City and we will check it out.



Why is it a Problem?

Illicit discharges have the risk of polluting underground drinking water supplies and the Deschutes River. The City of Bend Stormwater utility works to protect underground drinking water quality of *all* Bend residents—whether they are served by the City, Avion, Roats, or private wells. Having your extra eyes in the field will help protect our valuable water quality and habitat.



How to Spot and Illicit Discharge?

Look for:

- ◆ Staining around storm drain
- ◆ Staining on storm drain grates
- ◆ Odd colors or smells inside the storm drain
- ◆ Flows during dry weather
- ◆ Hoses or pipes discharging to a storm drain.
- ◆ Debris swept or blown in streets



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What Can You Do?

Avoid Creating an Illicit Discharge

- Remember, only rain in the storm drain! Use all reasonable measures to reduce pollutants from entering storm drains (e.g., litter, detergents, waste, oil, grease, fertilizers).
- Properly store grease, gas, oil, de-icing materials, and hazardous and non-hazardous substance to prevent leaks and spills from entering storm drains.
- Routinely sweep pavement, driveways and sidewalks to prevent the accumulation of pollutants that may enter storm drains. Collect and properly dispose—do not sweep to streets or storm drains.
- When possible, discharge pool or spa water to the sanitary sewer. Or, direct to a landscape area. Discharge may be directed to an adjacent storm drain only after the chlorine residual has been reduced (e.g., wait three days and test to see if chlorine is less than 1.0 parts per million) and after all debris and sediment that would be in the flow path to the storm drain has been swept up and properly disposed.
- See also property cleaning BMPs in Section 1 of Illicit Discharge Manual (link below).

Report All Suspected Illicit Discharges to the City of Bend

- Most people do not realize the connections between their actions and water quality. Reporting allows us to provide some targeted education and aware that additional cleanup may be needed to protect water quality.

If possible take a photo and note the time, date and location and notify:

- ❖ City of Bend Utility Department - (541) 317-3000
- ❖ If someone is actively dumping or spilling a hazardous material - **Call 911** and the Utility Department.

Other Resources:

City of Bend Illicit Discharge Minimization Best Management Practices Manual—Simple Steps to Protect Your Drinking Water and Our Beautiful Deschutes River

Bendoregon.gov/idmanual

Bend Code Title 16.10, Clearing Grading, and Erosion Control on Construction Sites

<http://www.bend.or.us/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=7216>

See Sections 16.20 (Illicit Discharge); 16.10.20 (Grading Permits)

Fines & Penalties

Violating Bend Code Title 16 is a Class-A Civil Infraction, and could result in a maximum civil penalty of \$750.00 per day. Each day that a violation remains uncured in effect is a separate violation.



Accommodation Information for People with Disabilities

To obtain this information in an alternate format such as Braille, large print, electronic formats and audio cassette tape please contact Karen Morris at 541-693-2141 or email kmorris@bendoregon.gov.



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