



Pensacola Bay Watershed

Santa Rosa County proudly inhabits the majority of the Pensacola Bay Watershed within Florida. The entire system covers 7,000 square miles and spans across two states with two-thirds of the watershed in Alabama. The system includes five interconnected estuaries, three major rivers, and countless tributaries.

The waterbodies within the system serve multiple beneficial uses including fish and plant habitat, recreational sporting and fishing, commercial fisheries, millions of dollars in tourism revenue, and peace of mind for all who reside or visit here.

Limiting the harmful effects of illicit discharges is crucial to maintaining these waterways and their resources for many years to come.

Reporting

To report an illicit discharge in your area please contact Santa Rosa County by electronic submission at: <https://www.santarosa.fl.gov/FormCenter/Public-Works-7/Report-Suspected-Pollution-Discharge-52>

or by phone at 850-981-7135 or 850-981-7090.

If possible, please provide the following information: suspected discharge address, discharge date(s), discharge type, contact information, any photos you may have, and additional information as available.

Contact Us

Phone: 850-981-7135

Email: Environmental-Dept@santarosa.fl.gov



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What is an Illicit Discharge?

An illicit discharge is defined as “any discharge into municipal storm sewer system (MS4) that is not composed entirely of stormwater”.

Some common examples to look for include:

- Vehicle fluids (gasoline, oil, & antifreeze)
- Sanitary wastewater
- Household cleaners/chemicals
- Soapy wash waters
- Paints & solvents
- Sediment, mulch, & grass clippings
- Pesticides & fertilizers
- Grease & cooking oil
- Pet wastes

These can occur due to runoff collection of pollutants, illegal dumping or emptying, an illicit connection, or accidental spills & leaks.

There are a few exceptions which include:

- Water line flushing (fire hydrant)
- Home landscape irrigation
- Air conditioning condensate
- Individual vehicle washing at home
- Dechlorinated swimming pool water

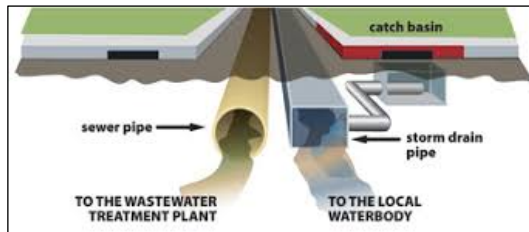
Identifying an illicit discharge.

To identify an illicit discharge, you must look for the following:

- flowing water in stormwater conveyances during dry weather
- water with an odor, color, or sheen
- water containing suds
- water containing sludges or solids



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Want to know more?

Please visit the sites listed below or contact us to learn more about the program and how you can help.

FDEP National Pollution Detection and Elimination System (NPDES)

<http://wbt.dot.state.fl.us/ois/IllicitDischarge/index.htm>

EPA Stormwater Phase II Final Rule

https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-12/documents/epa_stormwater_phase_ii_final_rule_factsheet_2.5_illicit_discharge_12-04-18.pdf

FDOT Tier I Illicit Discharge Training Video

<http://wbt.dot.state.fl.us/ois/IllicitDischarge/index.htm>

