

## KEEP OUR WATERS CLEAN: IT IS ILLEGAL TO DUMP DEBRIS IN WATERWAYS



The Town's Code prohibits any discharge or release of any pollutant, contaminant, chemical, toxic waste, hazardous waste, debris or solid waste into storm drains, canals, streams, or waterways.

Storm drains are used to collect storm water runoff from streets, lawns, rooftops, catch basins, and swales. The water collected does not pass into the water treatment plant to be treated. Instead, it

often flows into the nearby canals and other water bodies. Thus, it is imperative that only rainwater is collected as any contaminants will not be treated for. The pouring or inadvertent flow of chemicals, oils, paints, and any other hazardous materials can result in negative consequences to the surrounding environment as well as poses a health risk. Other hazardous materials include motor oil, anti-freeze, mercury, thermometers, pesticides, and herbicides. Common sources for illicit discharge include leaking containers, vehicle related accidents, improper fueling, illegal disposal, and improper maintenance.

Construction-related activities such as the placement of solid waste in waterways or failure to maintain proper Best Management Practices such as turbidity barriers and silt fences are also considered forms of illicit discharge. Best Management Practices should be maintained throughout the construction process.

In the event you see an illicit discharge please call the Environmental Response Line 954-519-1499 or fill out the online complaint form at <http://www.broward.org/Environment/Resources/Pages/EnviroComplaint.aspx>. This can be reported anonymously as well.