

## What is an Illicit Discharge?

An illicit discharge is anything that is not stormwater, that is poured, released or discharged into the City of Warner Robins Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). MS4s include structures like ditches, pipes, detention ponds, street drains, wetlands, and other state waters. The water and materials that enter these structures are released untreated to local streams and rivers. Types of pollutants in illicit discharges include: yard debris, grass clippings, used motor oil, cleaning chemicals, and many other substances that can cause water pollution.



## What is an Illicit Connection?

An illicit connection is any above or below ground pipe, drain or open channel that is intentionally or accidentally connected to the cities MS4. Such a connection must be approved by the city. However, if an approved connection allows an illicit discharge to enter the cities MS4, this connection is considered illegal. Examples include roof drains, construction discharge pipes, and washing machine discharges.

If you see or suspect an illicit discharge / connection please contact the City of Warner Robins Stormwater Compliance Department 478 302-5555.

## Drain Inlet Marking Program

The City of Warner Robins Stormwater Compliance Department has partnered with Keep Warner Robins Beautiful to coordinate with local schools, volunteer groups, and civic groups to assist with marking of drainage inlets.

The marking of drainage inlets or drainage structures within public rights-of-way. The drains will be marked with durable tiles that contain a message about no dumping.



The city will provide the required materials at no charge to volunteer groups who will glue the tiles to the storm drain structures. Volunteer groups will be asked to return any unused materials after the marking event. Before each marking event all volunteers must partake in a brief training and safety debriefing. A Keep Warner Robins Beautiful staff member will be present or will work closely with group leaders during all marking events to ensure that the drains are marked properly and safely.

If you would be interested in volunteering for this program or programs like it please contact the Keep Warner Robins Beautiful office at 478 929-7258.

# Stormwater Utility Management Program



## Report Illicit Discharge

**If you witness someone pouring waste down a storm drain, contact the City of Warner Robins Stormwater Compliance Department**

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## THINGS YOU CAN DO TO BE A “SOLUTION TO STORMWATER POLLUTION”

### What are state waters?

A “state water” is defined as any body of surface or subsurface water, natural or artificial, lying within or forming a part of the boundaries of the state including: rivers, streams, creeks, branches, reservoirs, lakes, ponds, springs, wells, drainage systems and another body of water above or underground.

### Why is it important to regulate our state waters?

All state waters contribute to drinking supplies for both humans and wildlife. They are also used for recreational activities including swimming and fishing, along with being very important aquatic habitats for a large range of wildlife. One way that the EPD regulates and protects state waters is through natural buffers.

### What are natural buffers?

Natural buffers are areas of vegetation including trees and small brush that are located adjacent to the banks of state waters. These buffers when properly maintained, help to protect water quality and aquatic habitats.

1. Never dump anything on the street, down a storm drain or in a drainage ditch.  
Put litter in trash cans.
2. Scoop up after your pet. Bag the refuse and dispose of it in the trash.
3. Compost grass clippings and leaves or bag them for curbside collection. Do not blow them into the street.
4. Use fertilizers and pesticides sparingly. Do not apply them on paved areas.
5. Check your vehicles for leaks and repair them. Recycle motor oil and other vehicle fluids.
6. Reduce, reuse and recycle cleaning and maintenance chemicals used at home.
7. Wash cars at a commercial car wash or on a grassy area and not your driveway.
8. Wipe and scrape excess fats, oils and grease from plates before washing.
9. Tell a friend or neighbor about how to prevent stormwater pollution and get involved.

