

ILLICIT DISCHARGE ORDINANCE

Sec. 30-106. - Prohibited discharges

(a) It shall be unlawful and a violation of this ordinance to allow any discharge that is not composed entirely of stormwater, that enters, or has the potential of entering, the MS4.

(b) Illicit discharges include, but are not limited [to:]

(1) Discharging, or causing or allowing to be discharged, sewage, industrial wastes, yard wastes, or other wastes, into the storm sewer system, or any component thereof, or onto driveways, sidewalks, parking lots, the ground, or any other areas draining to the storm sewer

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Grass Clippings Do's and Don'ts



Keep Them in the Yard Not on the Street

WHY?

- ◆ Grass clippings can clog the City's storm drainage system. When drains are clogged with clippings and debris this causes localized flooding of streets and properties.
- ◆ The clippings and debris flow to waterways untreated and decompose producing Phosphorous that causes algal blooms and fish kills. This is toxic to wildlife and humans.
- ◆ Grass clippings are extremely dangerous for motorcyclists.
- ◆ Anything that enters the storm system other than stormwater is a direct violation of the Illicit Discharge Ordinance.



Did You Know?

Grass clippings are made up of 80—85% water

What Can I Do With Clippings?

Leave on Lawn
as Fertilizer

Using clippings can supply 25% of the lawn's fertilizer needs, which creates a cost savings.

Compost

Once decomposed it can be used as natural fertilizer on a garden.

Dispose of Properly

Collect grass clippings in paper bags and arrange for pickup.