

Report Dry Weather Flow

If a storm drain has flow when it has not rained for at least 72 hours, or if it shows signs of intermittent flow (staining, odor), an illicit discharge or illegal dumping may be present. A team of trained investigators is required to determine the source of the dry weather flow. MDOT has procedures in place to conduct these investigations.



If You Don't Drink It, Don't Dump It!

Report Suds



Suds may seem harmless, but fish don't enjoy bubble baths like humans do. Suds often enter lakes and streams as a result of illicit car washes or pipes from washing machines. Natural foam also exists, but it is very dry and non-slippery, and it does not pollute the water or harm aquatic life. You can help by washing vehicles and equipment in designated areas away from storm drains.

REPORT SUSPICIOUS CONNECTIONS OR DUMPING!

YOU CAN HELP stop illicit discharges! Look for **WARNING SIGNS** (dry weather flow, suds, sewage, oil and gas) and report problems to **PEAS**, your Supervisor, or the Region IDEP Coordinator.

ILLICIT DISCHARGE SUSPECTED

Record the Following:

- Location
- Description
- Extent
- Thoughts
- Photograph

Is it an Emergency?

YES

Call 911 or
PEAS hotline:
800-292-4706

NO

Notify Supervisor
or Region IDEP
Coordinator



Only Rain in the Drain!

www.michigan.gov/stormwatermgt

Report Sewage



Sewage pollutes rivers and lakes when people have septic tank overflow pipes or improperly dump travel trailer or porta-potty waste. You can tell when sewage is present - it has a distinct odor. There may also be black staining inside the drainage pipe and visible evidence of sanitary waste, such as toilet paper, and opaque or gray water.

Four Quarts of Motor Oil Can Form an Eight-Acre Oil Slick!



Report Oil and Gas

If you swirl oil and gas around in the water, it will always re-attach. Natural sheens secreted from plants will remain separate if swirled. Gas and oil enter waterbodies via storm water runoff (when oil or gas drips onto pavement) and illegal dumping. You can help by not topping off when you fill up your tank, keeping your vehicle maintained, and properly recycling used motor oil.