
Putnam Valley Central School District

Fact Sheet #4

Pollution Prevention of Illicit Discharges

STORM WATER RUNOFF: ILLICIT DISCHARGES

Stormwater is water from rain or melting snow that does not soak into the ground, but runs off into nearby streams and lakes. The runoff attributable to precipitation from rain or melting snow is considered as wet-weather runoff. In addition to wet-weather run-off, nearby streams and lakes are also subject to dry-weather flows or illicit discharges from non-stormwater discharges that enter the storm drainage system through direct and indirect connections. Sources of illicit discharges include: sanitary wastes, effluent from septic tanks and overflowing septic fields, car wash discharges, improper oil disposal, laundry wastewaters, leakages from improperly maintained automobiles and the improper disposal of auto and household toxics.

STORMWATER DRAINAGE MAPPING

In order to address any illicit discharges that may exist from direct and indirect connections (illicit discharges) to the campus storm drainage system, PVCSD will develop a campus-wide drainage map. This map will document the campus stormwater drainage system, identify outfalls.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

After storm drainage mapping has been completed, interested students will undertake storm drain stenciling of catch basins and curb inlets. Contact your SWMP Coordinator for more information.

O & M STAFF TRAINING

As part of the pollution prevention campaign on illicit discharges, PVCSD will undertake a training program to operation and maintenance staff. The training program will include the distribution of educational materials on the proper handling and disposal of solid waste and non-stormwater discharges

