

Guide to MS4

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System

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What has been Found?

In Lower Allen Township, the following potential illicit discharges have been reported and investigated:

What is an Illicit Discharge?

Lower Allen Township's MS4 permit references illicit discharges numerous times. What is an illicit discharge? According to Stormwater Solutions an illicit discharge occurs when any substance other than stormwater enters a municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4), which includes storm drains, pipes, and ditches. Lower Allen Township staff investigates all illicit discharges or suspected discharges that are reported. Suspected illicit discharges can be reported by anyone through the Lower Allen Township website or by calling the stormwater department.

- Used Pet Waste Bags
- Cigarette Butts
- Sediment from Water Main Breaks
- Foam in a Waterway
- Oil Dumped in a Stormdrain
- Pool Water Discharge
- Sulfates (soap) from Carwashing
- Mulch Delivered to Property in Street