

Do Your Part to Help Protect The Local Waterways and



Puget Sound

The Snohomish business community and residents can be invaluable participants in the effort to protect the local waterways and Puget Sound.

It is very important that a spill, leak, or other discharge is reported



Report Spills or Illicit Discharges

Call the City of Snohomish
Public Works Department:

Mon-Fri 9 AM - 5 PM
360-568-3115

After hours/weekends/
holidays 360-563-2012

If Spill is Hazardous Also Call

911 Emergency	911
DOE Spill Response	425-649-7000
WA Emergency Mgmt.	800-258-5990

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Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) Program



Keeping pollutants out of the
storm system is not just a
good idea.

It's the law!

IDDE (Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination) PROGRAM

It's All Connected



Stormwater runoff from streets and parking lots can contain common pollutants such as pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, oils, heavy metals, sediment, bacteria from animal wastes, and other debris. These pollutants damage water quality and can result in fish kills, destruction of wildlife habitat, and contamination of our recreational waterways.

Pollutants dumped onto our streets or in our storm drains outside of the City's downtown combined storm sewer area do not go to a sewage treatment plant to be cleaned. Instead, these pollutants are discharged directly into the storm system which flows into our local waterways.

The purpose of reporting an illicit discharge is to help city staff identify and eliminate the discharges in order to maintain and improve the quality of water flowing into our rivers, lakes, and streams.

Protecting Our Surface Waters

The City's Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) Program is designed to both help protect and improve the health of our natural waterways, such as the Snohomish River, the Pilchuck River, Blackman Lake, Myrick's Fork, Cemetery Creek, and Swifty Creek by actively investigating and removing illicit discharges and connections to the City storm system.

The City's IDDE program is part of the City's stormwater management program, adopted in the City Code (SMC 15.16). The program includes elements such as: an IDDE Manual, water quality investigations and illicit discharge removal, monitoring of outfall locations, City staff training, mapping of the stormwater system (including outfalls and receiving waters), stormwater education and outreach and stewardship programs.



What is an Illicit Discharge?



An illicit discharge is any non-stormwater discharge to the storm system (including local waterways) which damages water quality.

Indicators of an Illicit Discharge

Odors: sewage, rancid/sour, sulfide, petroleum, and slight chemical smells

Colors: clear, brown, gray, yellow, green, orange, and red, etc.

Turbidity: a slight to opaque cloudiness of waters

Floatables: trash, sewage, soap suds, grease and oil sheens

If you see it, REPORT it!
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Remember to also report the location of the spill and how much.