

# Keep Our State Waterways Clean



## What Is Illegal Dumping and Illicit Discharge?

Illegal dumping is the deliberate disposal of waste materials on public or private land. Illicit discharge is any discharge to the storm drain system that is not entirely stormwater.

## Why Is Illegal Dumping and Illicit Discharge A Problem?

### ▶ **Public Health and Safety:**

Dumping and discharge sites can contain broken glass, exposed metal, hazardous wastes, pests, and other dangerous materials.

### ▶ **Environmental Harm:**

It pollutes the surface and groundwater, and can carry pollutants into streams and lakes. The pollution can carry harmful chemicals and toxins into our drinking water, as well as negatively impact plants and wildlife.

### ▶ **Unsightly and Costly:**

It results in clean-up costs for local government agencies. People are more likely to dump or discharge in common locations, which become more and more unsightly.

## Common Illegal Dumping and Illicit Discharge Items Include:

Yard Waste	Automotive Fluids	Electronics
Litter out of a Vehicle	Pesticides	Septic Tank Waste
Household Trash or Toxic Chemicals	Grease	

## How Can You Help?



- Dispose of waste properly
- Participate in or support local clean-ups and recycling programs
- If you witness illegal dumping or illicit discharges, report it!!
- Secure debris with tarps or covers

## Help STOP Illegal Dumping and Illicit Discharges along SHA Roadways

### Report Illegal Dumping and Illicit Discharges to SHA Anonymously:

[marylandsha.force.com/customer-care/request\\_for\\_service](http://marylandsha.force.com/customer-care/request_for_service)

**IF YOU SEE IT,  
REPORT IT!**

For More Information: <http://www.roads.maryland.gov/Home.aspx>