

*"H2O Industrial Services of Liberty Township has been issued a fine of \$250 for an illicit discharge of hazardous material." (fine issued 06/17/08 by Chesterton, Indiana Stormwater Utility)*

## ENFORCEMENT

If a violation of the IDDE Ordinance occurs, penalties such as fines and stop work orders may ensue. Violations include inadequate implementation and maintenance of BMPs and non-stormwater discharges. The current fine schedule per day of offense for uncontested IDDE violations are as follows per the amended Code Enforcement Board Fine Schedule Ordinance :

1st Offense.....	\$150.00
2nd Offense.....	\$300.00
3rd Offense.....	\$500.00

## What Can You Do?

- Dispose of paint, cleaners, and other household chemicals according to label directions.
- When at home, wash car so that wastewater drains to grass, not the storm drain system,
- Promptly clean-up after your pet.
- Recycle used motor oil at participating centers.
- Vegetate bare areas to reduce soil erosion.



## Resources and Contacts

For more information on Illicit Discharges, please visit the Hopkinsville-Christian County Planning Commission office during normal office hours, 8:00 - 5:00, M-F:

**Hopkinsville-Christian County Planning Commission**  
101 N. Main, St, Hopkinsville, KY 42241

The IDDE Ordinance may also be downloaded from the following websites:

[www.hoptown.org/agencies/planning-commission](http://www.hoptown.org/agencies/planning-commission)  
[www.hopkinsville-stormwater.com](http://www.hopkinsville-stormwater.com)

To report an illicit discharge, please call the Storm Water Utility Hotline at (270) 887-4035.

*Keep It Clean!*



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**Hopkinsville, KY**

# ILLICIT DISCHARGES



*Pourin' whiskey down the drain during Prohibition (circa 1920, unknown city)*



## What is the Problem?

Pollutants that enter our local waterways through the storm drain system affect water quality, make swimming potentially unsafe, and destroy fish habitat. These pollutants can be absorbed by fish possibly making their consumption harmful. Dumping anything, accidentally or purposely, into a gutter, ditch, or storm drain is illegal and violators can be issued civil penalties. These illegal actions are known as "illicit discharges".

### EXAMPLES OF ILLICIT DISCHARGES

- Dumping household chemicals
- Dumping leaves and yard waste
- Dumping motor oil
- Sanitary waste water (sewage)
- Car wash waste waters
- Litter and garbage
- Pet waste
- Sediment from construction sites



## ILLICIT DISCHARGE DETECTION AND ELIMINATION (IDDE)

To improve our water quality and stay in compliance with state and federal regulations, Hopkinsville has adopted an Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) Ordinance. This ordinance prohibits allowing pollutants to enter our local waters, regulates connections to the storm sewer systems, and outlines enforcement procedures and penalties.

### Ordinance Highlights

This ordinance applies to non-stormwater discharges in areas within the jurisdiction of Hopkinsville except the following typical exemptions (not inclusive):

- Water line flushing
- Landscape irrigation
- Non-commercial washing of vehicles
- De-chlorinated discharge from swimming pools
- Uncontaminated pumped groundwater
- Fire-fighting activities
- Street-cleaning operations

## CONNECTION PERMIT

For developers or individuals wishing to connect to the storm sewer system, a Drainage System Connection Permit will be required and a \$50.00 fee.

## ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGES

In the event of an accidental discharge, the person responsible for the discharge shall:

- Give notice of the accidental discharge to the Stormwater Utility within 2 hours of discovery.
- Call 911 to report the accidental discharge if emergency response is needed.
- Submit a written report to the Stormwater Utility of the accidental discharge within 5 days.
- Take all reasonable steps to minimize any adverse impact from the accidental discharge.



## INSPECTIONS

Periodically, the Stormwater Utility may inspect facilities to prevent illicit discharges, particularly if pollutants are detected in the storm drain system.