What is Storm Water Pollution?

The stormwater drainage system collects all the rain that runs off of hard surfaces such as pavement and rooftops. This runoff, called stormwater, flows along the curb and gutter and then into a storm drain.

After entering the storm drain, stormwater is routed to the nearest lake, pond or river. Anything that enters the stormwater drainage system besides rainfall is considered an illicit discharge and is a violation of The City of Umatilla and Lake County's Illicit Discharge Ordinance.

Grease, oils and detergents have potential to cause fish kill and other biological degradation, and restrict recreational activities such as swimming and fishing. The purpose of the Illicit Discharge Ordinance is to protect public health, safety and welfare by controlling pollution in our waterways.

Do *your* part to protect our environment from these types of pollution. Implement these best management practices today!

We ALL live in a watershed!

It's the land that water flows across or under on its way to a lake, river or stream. Whether or not you live directly on a lake, your actions can impact the quality of water in our waterbodies.

If we each do a little,
together we can accomplish a lot!

To report an illicit discharge, please call:
(352) 669-3125 in Umatilla
or anywhere in Lake County
(352) 483-9080

For information about Lake County's waterways, please visit:
www.lake.wateratlas.usf.edu

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We ALL live in a Watershed!

Protecting Our Lakes and Rivers From Stormwater Pollution

Umatilla, Florida

What is an Illicit Discharge?

An illicit discharge is any direct or indirect non-stormwater discharge to the storm drain system.

An illicit connection is any connection which allows non-stormwater to enter the storm drain system including sewage, wastewater and wash water.

Illicit discharges and connections are a violation of City code.

Good Working Practices to Follow

- Recycle or properly dispose of household products that contain chemicals, such as insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, used motor oil and other auto fluids. Don't pour them onto the ground or into storm drains.

- Keep trash securely in its place.

- Clean up after your pets. This reduces bacteria contamination in waterways.

- Be a responsible boater. Keep your prop clear of vegetation and maintain engine in proper working order to avoid oil and gas leakage into the water.

- Keep septic tanks & drain fields away from the lake. Have your tank pumped every 3—5 years.

- Properly maintain vehicles to avoid pollutants washing into the lake. Fix leaks quickly. Use quick dry materials to clean up oil spills

- Use a commercial car wash that treats or recycles its wastewater, or wash your car on your yard so the water infiltrates into the ground.

Love Our Lakes More Than Your Lawn!

- Minimize the use of water, fertilizers and pesticides on your lawn.

- Use drought-, pest- and disease-resistant Florida plants when landscaping your home or business.

- Plant vegetative buffers on slopes and at your shoreline; these help reduce erosion and provide habitat.

- Keep native aquatic plants on your shoreline.

- Refrain from blowing grass clippings & leaves into the lake; these add nutrients to the water causing algal blooms.

- Compost or mulch yard waste. Don't leave it in the street or sweep it into storm drains or streams. Keep curbs and storm drains clear of debris.

- Don't overwater your lawn. Consider using a soaker hose instead of a sprinkler.

Example of harmful algal bloom.