



City of New Ulm

Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan



What is an illicit discharge?

- Anything that drains into the storm sewer that is more than just rainfall/snowmelt, except such things as water from car washing, firefighting and ground water.

What are sources of illicit discharges?

- Dumping chemicals into storm drains, roadways, curb & gutter sidewalks, driveways and yards.
- Leaky containers and fluid lines
- Yard waste and pet waste

Why is the City concerned about illicit discharges?

- The water in the storm sewer discharges directly to the river without treatment.

What can I do to prevent illicit discharges?

- Safely contain household hazardous wastes (paint, oil, gasoline), and dispose of properly.
- Keep lawn clippings, leaves, and other debris out of the roadway and off of sidewalks.
- Clean up after your pets.

What should I do if I see or suspect an illicit discharge?

- Inform the offender of New Ulm's ordinance prohibiting illicit discharges.
- Contact the City Engineer or use a citizen complaint form for reporting storm water violations. The form can be picked up at City Hall at the 2nd Floor Engineering Department window, or downloaded from the City website at <http://www.ci.new-ulm.mn.us/> on the Storm Water Pollution Prevention tab. The form can be completed anonymously, and then mailed to the City Engineer.

Changes Ahead For the City of New Ulm Storm Water Ordinance

- The City Engineering Department is working on updates to the New Ulm Storm Water Ordinance that are required by the State of Minnesota.
- Changes to the Ordinance will mainly affect the City of New Ulm Storm Water Permit for construction sites, and post-construction storm water.

Major changes include:

- Potentially changing the upper limit of land disturbance for a small site permit to less than one acre (43,560 square feet)
- Changes to stormwater treatment preferences for sites that create one acre or more of new impervious (hard) surface, and requiring that sites

discharge less pollutants and, where feasible, less water than the pre-construction site.

- Adding new requirements for sites that disturb one acre or more of land, but don't necessarily create one acre or more of new impervious (hard) surface, to discharge less pollutants and, where feasible, less water than the pre-construction site.
- Potentially Adding a New Ulm Storm Water Manual as a guide for land owners and contractors, and as a source for the technical requirements of compliance, rather than in the text of the Ordinance.

Look for more information regarding the ordinance in your local paper, or on the City Website.

Brought to you by the City of New Ulm on behalf of their Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan

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