

## Yard Debris & Grass Clippings

Keep yard debris and grass clippings out of Fourpole Creek. The extra nutrients pollute the water.

Keep yard debris and grass out of streets. It can block storm drains and cause localized flooding. Public works department will collect up to four bags of grass clippings with each trash pick up.



Grass clippings left in the street by storm drain.



Dumping yard debris into Fourpole Creek



Dumping grass clippings into Fourpole Creek.



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## WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND POLLUTION



# What is an Illicit Discharge

An illicit discharge or illegal discharge is any disposal, emptying, or dumping of any substance other than rainfall into the stormwater drainage system, including ditches or streams. The accidental spill or leak of substances such as car fluids, yard waste, or private sanitary sewer overflows is also considered an illicit discharge.

The Stormwater Utility detects and eliminates illicit discharges whenever possible. This is done with the help of citizens.



Washing dirty car on the pavement.



Dumping paint or cement work into drain.

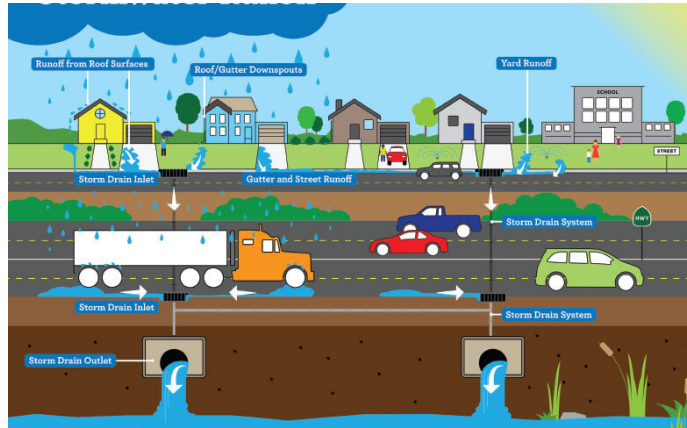


Disposing trash into the street.



Discharging muddy water into the street.

## Stormwater



As the city grows in size, so do impervious surfaces, like parking lots, rooftops, and paved roads. With more impervious surfaces, stormwater moves faster and brings more polluted water into the creek and river.

Stormwater discharges into Fourpole Creek, the Ohio River, and the Guyandotte River. Keep our waters clean by disposing of chemicals, wastes, and trash correctly.

We appreciate your help! Let us know if you see anything other than water entering our storm drain system.

## Report Illicit Discharge

If you see it an Illicit Discharge happening or have evidence of a Past Illicit Discharge please report it to HSU. We need a location and description of what has happened.

Illicit discharges can happen at catch basins, ditches, roadways, and even directly into the stream or river.



## Who to Call

If the discharge is happening and seems dangerous like a diesel spill, call 911 immediately.

WVDEP also has a spill release hotline 1-800-642-3076 and should be notified.

Huntington Stormwater Utility, 304-942-2525 should be notified to help resolve the situation.