

# Non-stormwater Discharges

## BRIARCLIFF MANOR SCHOOL DISTRICT

National studies of stormwater systems have shown that during dry weather conditions there were flows that could not be attributed to precipitation events and were considered illicit discharges. According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency “illicit discharges are any discharges to a municipal storm sewer system that are not composed entirely of stormwater.” However, there are exceptions for fire-fighting activities, water line flushing and permitted industrial sources.

### Potential Sources of Illicit Discharges

- Sanitary flows from septic systems;
- Effluent from septic tanks;
- Vehicle wash wastewaters;
- Improper oil disposal;
- Spills from roadway accidents; and
- Improper disposal of auto and household chemicals.



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### Mapping and Inspection

Briarcliff Manor School District (the District) has mapped all of the stormwater outfalls as well as their contributing drainage areas to track potential illicit discharges. With this map and inspection forms, the District has implemented a Guideline and Procedures Document for Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination. This document outlines procedures for identifying, tracking and eliminating potential illicit discharges. The District has inspected and continues to evaluate the storm drain outfalls for potential illicit discharges annually. Facility Staff receive annual training on the guidelines and procedures as well as good housekeeping practices to prevent illicit discharges.

### Prevention

The District has implemented educational programs as well as good housekeeping practices which will help prevent illicit discharges. The storm drain marker program has served to educate the public about the connection of storm drains to water bodies. Additionally District Facility Staff have successfully implemented good housekeeping practices such as proper storage and trash removal.