



Stormwater Quality & “Illicit Discharges”

A collaborative project to:

- Raise public awareness on how to protect and improve water quality,
- Encourage and support citizen and businesses water quality protection and improvement goals,
- Develop and enforce water quality requirements to protect public and environmental health and safety.



Oil Spill



Soapy Discharge



Sedimentation



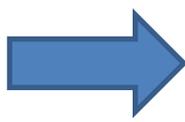
Restaurant Waste Leaking

Photos adapted from: Google images and Environmental Health (Benton County)

**Illicit Discharges and spills come in many different types, locations, and times of the year!
Being aware of this will help you keep an eye to protect our shared water resources**

What is this all about?

Benton County is required under Federal Rules and State Stormwater Discharge permit, to develop and implement a Stormwater Management Program. This includes creating and adopting an ***Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination*** “ordinance or other regulatory mechanism” to “effectively prohibit” non-stormwater discharges into the Benton County Storm Drainage System (includes ditches, gutters, streets, catch basins, and other stormwater conveyances). Benton County is adopting new code to gain authority to monitor and inspect for spills and illicit discharges and work to improve and protect water quality.



Prevention and Early Detection is Key: By handling and disposing of chemicals properly, cleaning up and covering trash, and being aware of possible illicit discharges in your community, water quality will be protected and improve!

How can you help?

Benton County will need information on when and where illicit discharges or spills occur. Please report spills within the county roadways to: **Benton County Public Works at (541) 766-6821** and on private land outside of the roadways to **Benton County Environmental Health at (541) 766-6841**

IF YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY OR HAZARDOUS SPILL CALL 9-1-1:

Be ready to provide the location, severity, actions taken, and responsible party. Remember that early response protects our shared water quality!