

What is...

Create a Clean Water Future?

Create a Clean Water Future is a public service campaign to help residents of Alabama learn more about stormwater runoff and its impacts; increase demand for stormwater management programs; and provide tools that empower Alabama residents to reduce polluted runoff in our waterways.

The **Create a Clean Water Future** campaign focuses on the serious issue of polluted stormwater runoff in Alabama's creeks, streams, rivers and bays and the simple steps citizens can take to help solve the problem.

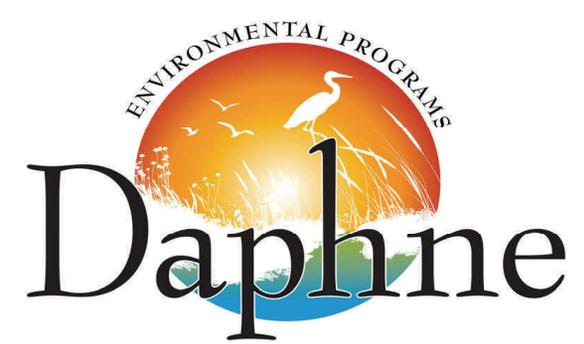
The public awareness and action campaign includes public service announcements, user-friendly online resources, information, and take-action tools.

Thanks for protecting the environment. By "Identifying and Reporting Illicit Discharges", you are **Creating a Clean Water Future** for generations to come.....visit our website at www.cleanwaterfuture.com.

Daphne is working to
**Create a Clean Water
Future** for generations
to come.....



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Illicit Discharge & Detection

Easy steps to help
YOU
**Create a Clean Water
Future**
By
**Identifying and reporting
Illicit Discharge!**



What is an Illicit Discharge ?

The U. S. Environmental Protection defines an illicit discharge as “any discharge into a municipal; storm drain that is not composed entirely of stormwater”. Some of the pollutants that are considered illicit discharge are:

- Car wash wastewater
- Gas and motor oil
- Household cleaners, oils and grease
- Paint and paint brush wash water
- Pesticides & Weed Killer
- Leaking septic tanks
- Suspended sediment



Illicit discharges are carried through the storm drain systems by rain, wind or improper disposal to our streams. This can result in serious health and water quality problems. In addition, wildlife habitat and the appearance of City’s streams can be adversely affected by the illicit discharge.

How can *You* get involved?

Identify and report illicit discharges to the City’s drainage system to help preserve our streams and protect the health of your family and community.....There are three easy steps to *you* becoming part of the solution:

Step up – Never pour anything into our storm drains or directly into a stream; let’s keep pollutants and toxins out of *our* waterways. Some easy steps to prevent illicit discharges;

- 1) Recycle all used motor oil, batteries, and antifreeze at your local auto parts. Clean up all spills with kitty litter or saw dust and properly dispose in trash.
- 2) Recycle used cooking oil & grease with Daphne Utilities.
- 3) Wash your car on grass so that the water, detergent and dirt will be filtered by the soil or take your car to a commercial car wash where the dirty water is sent to the waste water treatment plant.
- 4) Dispose of household cleaners, pesticides, and weed killers according to the labels directions. Many household products including paint, paint thinner, and solvents can be taken to Baldwin County Landfill or disposed of at the annual Household Hazardous Waste Day in January of each year.
- 5) Make sure that washing machines drain into the sanitary sewer system. Laundry wastewater should not be piped into the yard or ditch.
- 6) Swimming pool backwash should not be discharged directly into a storm drainage system.



Speak up – Report any illicit discharges or connections to your local government or to the appropriate agency.

Local-City of Daphne
Environmental Programs
(251) 234-7122 (Phone or text)

State –Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM)
(251) 450-3400

Federal –Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
1 (800) 241-1754

Follow up – Make sure that the illicit problem has been resolved by following up with the proper agency.

