



Barren River



Lost River Rise

## Examples of Exempt Discharges:

*Note: Discharge directly to a storm sewer:*

- Waterline flushing
- Landscape irrigation and lawn watering
- Uncontaminated pumped groundwater
- Irrigation water
- Individual residential car washing
- Air conditioning condensation
- Springs
- Swimming pools (dechlorinated to less than one part per million chlorine)
- Fire fighting activities
- Street cleaning operations

### City of Bowling Green Department of Public Works Storm Water Program

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 Hotline: (270) 393-3333  
[www.bgky.org/stormwater.htm](http://www.bgky.org/stormwater.htm)

# Does Illicit Discharge Affect You?



# What is Illicit Discharge?

An Illicit Discharge is the induction (accidentally or purposely) of non-storm water to the ground or into the storm sewer.

## Examples of Illicit Discharge:

- Sanitary waste water
- Septic tank effluent
- Car wash waste waters
- Motor oil disposal
- Radiator flushing disposal
- Laundry waste waters
- Auto and household toxics disposal
- Leaves and yard waste



## Why Illicit Discharge is Harmful

Illicit discharges degrade the quality of our water. They flow untreated into Barren River, which is the source of our drinking water and is also used for fishing and swimming. Illicit discharges can affect human health and increase drinking water treatment costs.

## Penalties for Violations

If a citation for a violation of city ordinance 21-2.04 is not contested by the person charged, the following maximum penalties will apply:

- 1st Offense: \$500.00
- 2nd Offense: \$1,000.00
- 3rd Offense: \$2,000.00

Penalties are doubled if contested.



## What You Can Do

You can help minimize illicit discharges by disposing waste in the proper manner.

- Take used motor oil to a participating oil recycling center.
- Follow label directions regarding container disposal of cleaners, solvent, and paints.
- Compost yard waste or bag and dispose using solid waste collection programs.
- Report any illicit discharge by calling the City of Bowling Green's Storm Water Hotline number at (270) 393-3333.

Keeping our water free of pollution is everyone's responsibility.

