

# Help Protect our Waters!

It is very important to report spills, leaks or other discharges immediately so contaminants can be contained and kept out of our waterways.

# Report Highway Illicit Discharges

*Spills and Dumping*

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# Illicit Discharges

The NDOT manages an Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Program to actively protect streams and rivers along the state highway system.

An illicit discharge occurs when pollutants are released, dumped, or spilled into the stormwater drainage system. This system collects rain water, called stormwater runoff, and directs that water to streams, rivers and other waterways.

Water pollution can not only damage the environment and impair wildlife, but it can also restrict recreational activities such as swimming and fishing.

The goal of the Illicit Discharge and Elimination Program is to protect public health, safety and welfare by controlling pollution into our waterways.



# Illicit Discharges

## Highway Spills

A highway spill is an incidental deposit of waste such as petroleum products and other liquid materials. Spills that occur are most often associated with vehicle accidents.



## Highway Dumping

Highway dumping is a deliberate deposit of wastes along NDOT right of way. Examples include used tires, old batteries and used oil drums.



# How to Report an Illicit Discharge

Acute emergency situations, such as spills or releases of petroleum products or hazardous substances are to be reported immediately to:

**NE Dept. of Environment and Energy**  
**Monday–Friday (8:00–5:00 pm)**  
**(402) 471-2186**  
**(877) 253-2603**

After hours, Weekends, and Holidays  
please contact:

**NE State Patrol Dispatch**  
**24 Hours**  
**(402) 471-4545**

