

## What is an Illicit Discharge?

An illicit discharge is defined as "... any direct or indirect non-stormwater discharge to the Town's storm drain system, except as expressly allowed by this chapter."

Examples of illicit discharges include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Disposal of vehicle maintenance fluids into a storm drain;
- Hosing or washing loading areas in the vicinity of storm drain inlets;
- Leaking dumpsters flowing into a storm drain inlet;
- Old and damaged sanitary sewer line leaking fluids into a cracked or damaged storm sewer line;
- Pouring paints or stains into a storm drain;
- Allowing wash water with soaps or detergents into a storm drain inlet;
- Washing silt, sediment, concrete or gravel into a storm drain; and
- A measurable flow during dry weather that contains pollutants or pathogens.



## To Report an Illicit

### Discharge

### Call The

### Town of Bel Air

### Public Works Department

**410-638-4536**

The Town needs your help reporting illicit discharges. Actions we take in our homes and yards can affect our waters and our wildlife. Storm drains from our neighborhood streets end up in our streams and eventually to the Chesapeake Bay. As individuals collectively, we can protect Maryland's fragile estuaries and wildlife.

## Other Ways to Help

### Green Products

The Town offers rebates on green products such as rain barrels and compost bins. Visit the Town website for more information [www.belairmd.org](http://www.belairmd.org) or call 410-638-4540 for more information.

### Stream Clean Ups

Every year the Town partners with a local business or organization to do local stream clean ups. If you have a church group, business, school or organization that would be interested in a stream cleanup project, please contact Charlie Dawson at 410-638-4536 [cdawson@belairmd.org](mailto:cdawson@belairmd.org).

### Storm Drain Stenciling Program

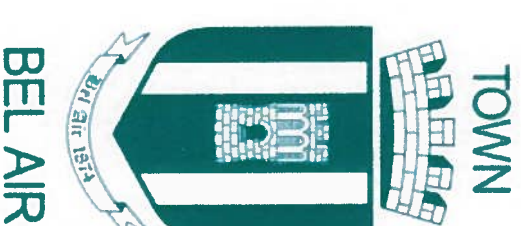
The Town has over 1000 inlets and storm drains. If you have a student or scout in need of a project, storm drain stenciling is a great environmental project. Please contact Charlie Dawson at 410-638-4536 [cdawson@belairmd.org](mailto:cdawson@belairmd.org) for more information.

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## STORMWATER POLLUTION



## ILICIT DISCHARGES WHAT ARE THEY AND HOW CAN YOU HELP



### A Homeowners Guide to:

- Stormwater Pollution
- What you can do to help
- Disposing of Waste Properly
- Recognizing Illicit Discharges
- Reporting Illicit Discharges



