

Why Should I Care?

Many industrial activities contribute to stormwater pollution (such as metal grinding and polishing, vehicle/equipment maintenance, improper disposal of hazardous waste, and more) during daily operations. Waste, residues, and by-products from these activities enter storm drains, and flow into creeks and rivers harming aquatic life and impacting water quality.



What is the District doing to help?

The District implements programs to reduce non-stormwater discharges into area creeks and streams. Programs include:

- Outreach to businesses and residents.
- Stormwater monitoring and sampling
- Inspection, compliance, and regulations of industrial users
- Stormwater Sampling
- Regulate and/or permit all industrial users served by the District to ensure compliance with federal and local regulations.
- Monitor industrial water discharge activities of users by conducting routine industrial pretreatment inspections

Who We Are

The Oak Lodge Water Services District (District) is committed to creating a clean water environment and a healthy community. The District provides reliable drinking water, sanitary sewer, and watershed protection services to nearly 29,000 people in Oak Grove, Jennings Lodge, and portions of Milwaukie and Gladstone.

Drinking Water Services

The District provides customers safe, reliable drinking water from the Clackamas River. Customer rates fund essential services, including purchasing clean water and maintaining daily operation of the distribution system.

Sanitary Sewer Services

The District collects wastewater from homes and businesses so the water can be cleaned and safely returned to the Willamette River. Customer rates fund essential services, including wastewater treatment and daily operation of the collection system.

Watershed Protection Services

The District helps protect the environment by monitoring water quality in local waterways and helping to keep the Clackamas County-owned stormwater system clean. Customer rates fund watershed protection activities necessary to comply with state and federal water quality permit requirements.



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Illicit Stormwater Discharges

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What is an Illicit Discharge?

*NPDES permits are used by the District

An illicit discharge is any discharge to the storm sewer system that is not composed entirely of stormwater (rainwater or snow melt), except for discharges allowed under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit*. An illicit discharge or connection may result from:

- Illegal dumping practice i.e., improper disposal of hazardous waste.
- A direct connection from the sanitary sewer to the storm sewer.
- Indirect connection from the improper surface discharges to the storm sewer i.e., hosing down outdoor areas on a parking lot or other impervious surface.

Industrial facilities and businesses are the first line of defense in protecting storm drains and waterways. Use Best Management Practices (BMPs) to stop pollution. Anything you put in a storm drain ends up in a creek, river, or body of water – where you swim and fish. Prevent Illicit Discharges in four areas:

1. Waste Management
2. Facility and Grounds
3. Fleet Maintenance
4. Spill Prevention and Cleanup



What Goes In Here



Comes Out Here

1) Waste Management

Good housekeeping is required to keep pollutants out of stormwater:

- Recycle or properly dispose of waste.
- Store waste receptacles under cover or with lids and empty receptacles frequently.
- Regularly inspect waste receptacles for structural damage or leaks.
- Keep storm drains clear of debris, dirt, or other waste.



2) Facility and Grounds

Implement facility inspection BMPs to protect stormwater quality:

- Keep an updated facility site plan identifying which drains are sanitary and which are storm sewer connections.
- Verify interior floor drains are plumbed to the sanitary sewer.
- Label storm drains on site to discourage improper disposal.
- Minimize or phase out the use of landscaping chemicals and ensure proper disposal of yard waste.



3) Fleet Maintenance

Oil, grease, dirt, wastewater and other fluids can pollute stormwater runoff when we service our vehicles and equipment. You should:

- Store, service, and maintain equipment or vehicles under cover to be protected from the elements.
- Use a catch pan to capture leaks and drips.
- During cleaning, wash water discharges into the sanitary sewer, not the storm sewer.
- Use biodegradable, phosphate free detergents.
- Post signs to clearly identify the vehicle/equipment cleaning area.

4) Spill Prevention and Cleanup

Develop a policy to address the impact from an accidental spill:

- Store hazardous materials away from high traffic areas to avoid spills.
- Keep all outdoor drums and tanks in a protected area.
- Contain and clean up all spills immediately using dry methods.
- Do not hose down spill materials to the storm sewer.
- Use absorbents and sweep to pick up fluids.