

Eliminating Illicit Discharges

What is an illicit discharge?

An illicit discharge is the spilling or dumping of a pollutant. When it rains, things on the ground such as oil and trash are washed into creeks that ultimately flow into the ocean. Pollutants can flow for many miles, which could affect water quality and damage wildlife and habitat. For this reason, it is important to avoid discharging anything on the ground that would be harmful to water quality.



Some examples of illicit discharges include spilling and leaving oil, grease or trash, or emptying an RV's septic tank on the ground. Never empty any liquids onto the ground at home or in the park.

How do I prevent illicit discharges?

- Keep your vehicles in proper working order, maintained and free of leaks.
- Always empty your RV tank at appropriate dump stations.
- Keep your RV septic tank maintained and repair leaks.
- When fueling or maintaining your OHV in the park, always use a drip pan or tarp. Clean up spills immediately.
- Never wash your vehicle in the park.
- Check that containers of fuel or oil don't leak, and replace them if they do.

What do I do in case of an illicit discharge?

If you accidentally spill oil, gasoline, or grey or black water from your septic tank, or you see someone else doing this, immediately report to park staff at the kiosk. Staff will respond with a spill kit.

Purposeful illicit discharges are illegal and punishable by fines or incarceration. If you think you may have witnessed illegal dumping, please contact park staff. Reports may be anonymous. The park is required to have an Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Program as part of the Storm Water Management Program.