



County of Kern

Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Program (IDDE)

“Only Rain in the Drain”

The county’s storm drain system (MS4) consists of curb, gutters, drain inlets, piping, and channels which convey storm water to drainage basins, canals and the Kern River. **It is illegal to discharge anything other than storm water into the county’s MS4 system.** However there are a few exceptions to what you can safely and legally discharge into a storm drain other than storm water unless it is determined to be a significant source of pollutants. Those exceptions are:

- Water Line Flushing*
- Lawn and Landscape Irrigation Runoff
- Uncontaminated Pumped Groundwater*
- Discharges from Potable Water Sources*
- Foundation/Footing Drainage
- Air Conditioning Condensate
- Water from Crawl Space Pumps
- Individual Residential Car Wash Water
- Flows from Emergency Fire Fighting Activities
- Diverted Stream Flows*

*Please contact the Department at the number below for review and approval prior to any discharge.

The MS4 is designed to protect you and enhance water resources, but the system can be abused by careless disposal of harmful chemicals, wash waters, and other substances. Common examples of illegal discharges include:

- Pesticides/herbicides
- Washing machine water
- Septic tank/sewer wastewater
- Automotive fluids (used motor oil & anti-freeze)
- Paint
- Pet waste
- Lawn clippings/leaves
- Sediment/soil
- Food wastes
- Construction materials and wastes (concrete)
- Chlorinated swimming pools and/or spas

Remember:
Clean Water Starts With You

REPORT ILLICIT DISCHARGES

If you see or suspect an illicit discharge/connection please notify the County of Kern—Engineering, Surveying and Permit Services Department by calling (661) 862-5100 or send an e-mail to esps@co.kern.ca.us.