

## **Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination (IDDE)**

Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) is the third minimum control measure of the Phase II Stormwater regulation. The City of Canandaigua has passed local stormwater ordinance chapter 568 that prohibits illicit discharges within the City of Canandaigua. We are asking for the public to help with the detection of illicit discharges.

### **What is an illicit discharge?**

An illicit discharge is anything that is dumped down a stormwater drain that is not stormwater. Examples of illicit discharges are chemicals, household waste, motor oil or petroleum product, sewage or other inappropriate things that are dump or flow into a stormwater catch basin.

### **Why is it a problem?**

Illicit discharges can directly convey highly concentrated pollutants into the streams and Canandaigua Lake. This can harm aquatic life, pollute swim beaches, and contaminate drinking water.

**If you see an illicit discharge, please report it. The sooner the City is informed, the more that can be done to fix the problem.**

### **How to report an Illicit Discharge**

**Step 1:** Observe from a safe distance. DO NOT touch or smell the substance.

**Step 2:** Notify the City by emailing [stormwater@canandaiguanewyork.gov](mailto:stormwater@canandaiguanewyork.gov) or weekdays between 7am-3pm please call the stormwater officer at 585-337-2149.

In case of emergency call 911

**Step 3:** Provide information the following information

- your name
- phone number
- discovery/incident time, date, and location
- description of material, source if known
- estimate extent of problem (slow trickle vs significant flow)