



Where does *Stormwater* Go?

Storm sewers empty directly into our creeks, channels, streams, and rivers;

unlike the sanitary sewer system, which carries wastewater from your indoor drains to a wastewater treatment plant. So before you pour anything into the gutter or down the drain, stop and think!

You may not know that...



Dumping anything in the storm sewer system is illegal and can harm the environment.

To illustrate potential damage; When oil is released into water, it does not blend with water. Oil spreads out into a slick less than 0.01mm thick. 1 quart of motor oil can make a slick over 1000 square feet in area, affecting birds and fish!

Help ensure the safety and enjoyment of our environment by keeping the storm sewer system free from harmful pollutants. Contact the City of Elgin to learn more or to report illegal discharges at (847)697-3160.

For more info visit: www.cityofelgin.org/green



**The City of Elgin Sustainability Commission meets the second Tuesday of the month, 6 PM
at the Centre of Elgin's West Conference Room, 100 Symphony Way, Elgin, IL 60120**



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