

# **Public Meeting about Stormwater Pollution Prevention**



**Florida City Canal At East Palm Drive & Sw 172 Ave**



# What is Stormwater?

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- Stormwater is rainwater that doesn't soak into the ground but runs off into waterways.
- Stormwater doesn't usually flow into any type of wastewater treatment system, it flows into our storm drainage system which then ends up into local streams, creeks, rivers and lakes.



# What is an Illicit Discharge?

- Any discharge to the storm sewer system that is not made entirely of stormwater

**ONLY RAIN**  
**DOWN THE DRAIN!**



Exceptions Include:

Water line flushing

Runoff or return  
flow from  
landscape irrigation

Discharges from  
portable sources

Diverted stream  
flows

Air Conditioning  
condensation

Water from crawl  
space pumps

Flows from  
wetlands and  
riparian habitats

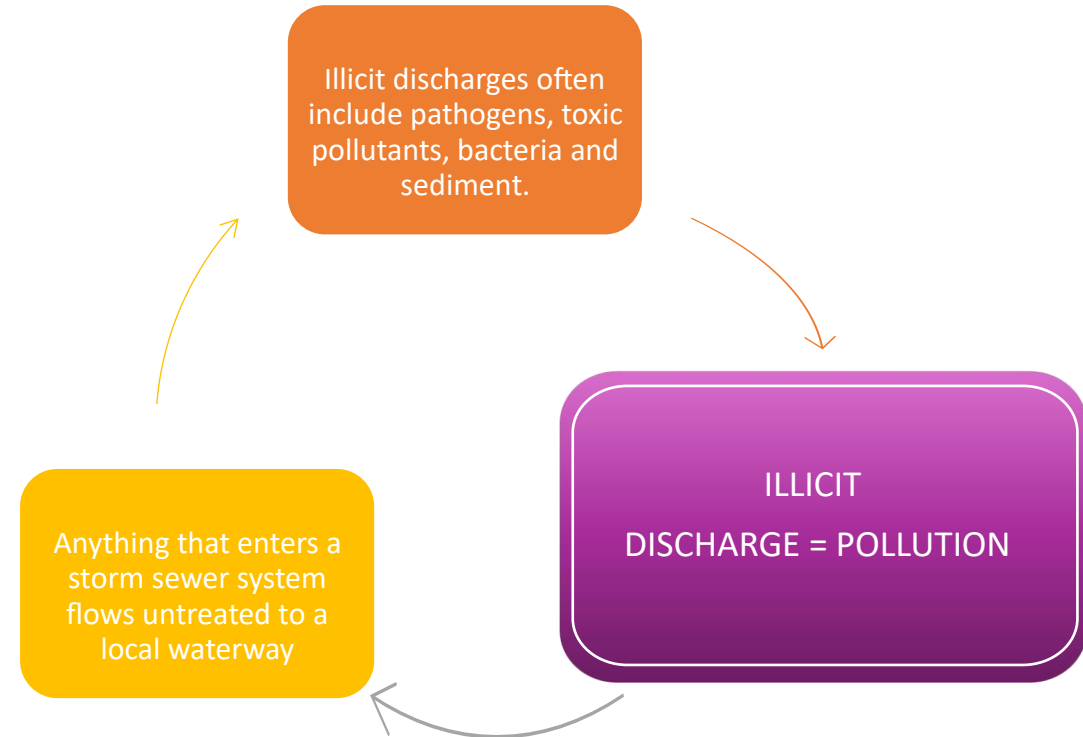
Dechlorinated  
swimming pool  
discharges

Discharges or flows  
from fire fighting  
activities

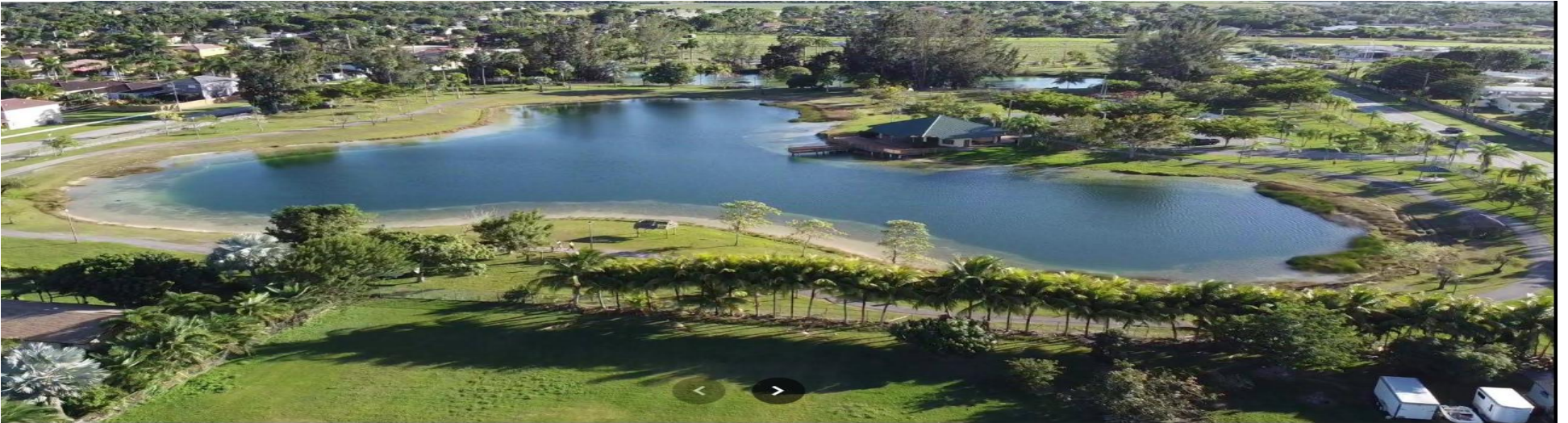
Rising ground  
waters and springs

Foundation and  
footing drains

# Why is Important to Prevent Illicit Discharges



## Fasulo Park



### Why Should You Care?

- In Florida City we use our water ways and ground water for recreation and as a source of drinking water.
- The City of Florida City is required to prevent pollutants from entering the storm sewer system.



# What Can You Do?

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- Residents can help prevent stormwater pollution by:
- Preventing pollutants from being dumped or spilled into the storm sewer system (this includes driveways, sidewalks, streets, storm drains)
- Reporting pollution or questionable discharges to the storm sewer system or local waterways.



# Best Practices for Preventing Pollution

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- Store and handle materials safely
  - Clean up spills properly using dry methods
  - Never dump or wash out items down or near a storm drain
  - Blow or sweep fertilizer back onto the grass if it gets onto paved areas
  - Don't blow leaves into the street
  - Wash your car or outdoor equipment where it can flow to a gravel or grassy area instead of a street
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## WAYS TO PREVENT POLLUTION



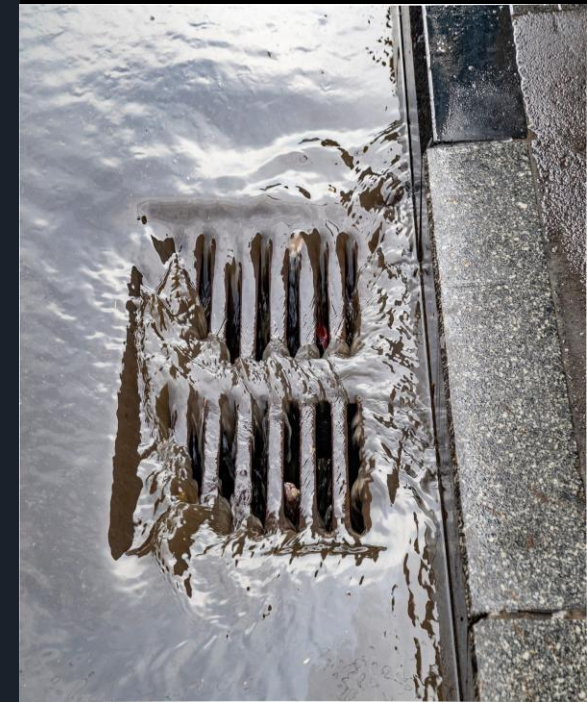




# Recognizing Stormwater Pollution

Warning signs may include presence of the unusual:

- Color
- Odor
- Turbidity
- Floatable liquids and solids





Examples of What to Report:

*Pollution Entering the Storm Sewer System*







Examples of What to Report  
*Unusual Color or Cloudiness*

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# Examples of What to Report *Unusual Odor*

- Some odors are an immediate indicator of pollution
- Sewage, gasoline, and chemical odors should always be reported



Odor	Causes
Rotten eggs/hydrogen sulfide	Raw sewage, decomposing organic matter, lack of oxygen
Sharp, pungent odor	Chemicals or pesticides
Gasoline, petroleum	Industrial discharge, illegal dumping of waste, wastewater.





**Report it,  
Don't Ignore It!**



ABOUT ILLICIT DISCHARGE

REPORT ILLICIT DISCHARGE

CITY PROCEDURES

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

CONTACT



## Reporting Pollution

- If you see discharges entering the storm drainage system or someone dumping something down the storm drain, **REPORT IT!**

# How to Report

## In Person

Go to the City Hall Building  
Department and speak to the Code  
Enforcement Officer

## Call

- Call: (305) 247-8222Ext 6 Code Enforcement)

## Website

- Online form at  
<https://flc.mycitydata.net/report-environmental-violation?lang=en>

## Email

- Email: [codeenforcement@floridacityfl.gov](mailto:codeenforcement@floridacityfl.gov)



- Include the following information:
- Specific location
- Date and time
- Description of the pollution
- Description of the violator (license plate, personal description etc.) if applicable
- Your contact information
- Email a picture or video if you can





## ✿ Florida City Community Clean-Up Day ✿



### Join us in keeping our parks clean and green!

Come together with neighbors, friends, and family to help clean up our local parks and beautify our community.

☐ **Date:** July 12<sup>th</sup> 2025

📍 **Location:** Loren Roberts Park 427 Nw 6th Ave. Florida City, FL 33034

🕒 **Time:** 9:00am-12:00pm

**All volunteers must register with the city before participating.**

📅 **Registration Deadline:** July 11, 2025

✉ **Email:** [codeenforcement@floridacityfl.gov](mailto:codeenforcement@floridacityfl.gov)

📞 **Phone:** 305-242-8222

Let's work together to make Florida City shine!  
*Gateway to the Florida Keys and the Everglades*

# Loren Roberts Park Clean up Location



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