

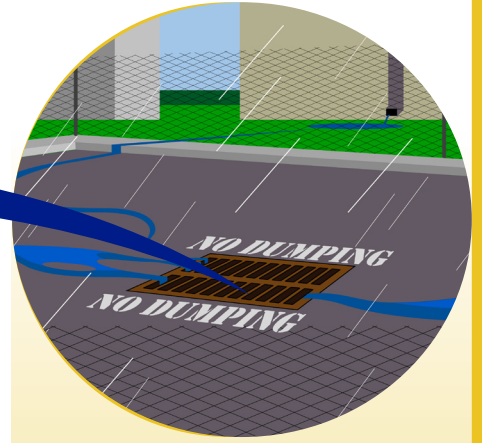
PRIVATE STORM DRAIN CONNECTIONS

Property owners are responsible for preventing pollutants from entering the storm drain system. Unlicensed private storm drain connections to the City's municipal storm sewer system (MS4) are illegal.

Any water flowing from unlicensed connections is considered an illicit discharge under the City's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and property owners may be subject to fines.

WHAT IS A PRIVATE STORM DRAIN CONNECTION?

A connection that conveys a flow to a curb, gutter, channel or City drainage system/MS4. These connections may include those identified below, as well as other structures.



CITY FINES FOR
UNAUTHORIZED DISCHARGES
CAN BE UP TO \$25,000
PER VIOLATION, PER DAY.

WHAT OPTIONS DO I HAVE WITH AN UNLICENSED CONNECTION?

Disconnect it

- Remove pipes or hoses leading from the property.
- Consider directing the runoff toward a landscaped retention area, or install a rain barrel to capture for irrigation use. **Do not** direct to areas that may affect the foundation or cause flooding on yours or others properties.

Drainage systems such as ditches or swales should not be removed without additional analysis and guidance from an engineer. Filling or rerouting these systems may cause unintentional flooding.

Apply for a license

Submit an application form to the Department of Planning and Permitting.

Applications can be found online at: bit.ly/DrainLicense



Channels



Pipes/Hoses



Sidewalk Culverts



Ditches

WHY DO I NEED A LICENSED CONNECTION?

The City's NPDES permit requires that all private storm drain connections be licensed to help with the detection and elimination of illegal discharges or pollutants.

