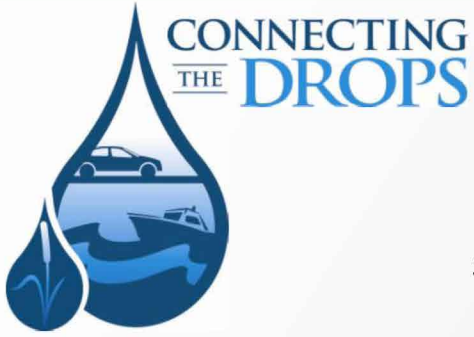


Prevent Stormwater Pollution



Canal Maintenance Facilities

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has issued a new General Permit for stormwater management. This informational poster was developed as a reminder of the proper operating procedures that will help reduce the risk of stormwater pollution and to satisfy some of the requirements of the new regulations.



DO

Vessel Operation and Maintenance



- Do not ignore spills and/or leaks
- Do not top off gas tanks during fueling, and always keep absorbent pads/booms nearby to collect spills.
- Discharge all sanitary waste at onshore pump-out facilities.
- Dispose of bilge water by pumping into drums, or dispose through an Environmental Cleanup Contractor.

DON'T



DO

Dry Dock Operations



- Prior to filling dry dock, inspect bottom and dispose of all litter and debris.
- When power washing vessel hulls containing chipped and flaking paint, install sediment traps (i.e. hay bales or silt fence) within channel on dry dock floor to capture solids prior to discharging.
- Use oil absorbent booms around vessels during engine/motor work.

DON'T



DO

Hazardous Waste Storage



- Properly store hazardous wastes in sealed, labeled drums
- Place drums in a fenced area secured with a lock
- Tops of drums should be clean
- Routinely inspect areas for leaks and/or drum deterioration

DON'T



DO

Waste Product Storage and Disposal



- Change fluids carefully to avoid spills and store separately in labeled drums or tanks
- Inspect stored vehicles, equipment and drums for leaks
- **NEVER** dump chemicals or vehicle fluids down the drain

DON'T



DO

Vehicle and Equipment Wash Water



- Wash vehicles and equipment in designated enclosed wash bay areas
- Never use detergents or hot water when washing vehicles unless specifically allowed by the facility's discharge permit

DON'T



DO

Chemical and Vehicle Fluid Spills/Leaks



- Contain and immediately clean up fluid leaks and spills using absorbent materials to prevent material from being tracked elsewhere or washed into the storm drain
- Keep spill kits close to areas where spills can occur
- Notify the DEC Spill hotline (1-800-457-7362) when:
 - the spill is greater than 5 gallons, or
 - the spill has entered the waters of the state, or
 - the spill is not contained and is not under control, or
 - the spill is not cleaned up within 2 hours of discovery.

DON'T



Be on the Lookout for Illicit Discharges

Failing Septic Systems



Motor Oil or Chemicals Dumped into Catch Basins



An illicit discharge is any discharge to a storm sewer system or stream that is not comprised entirely of stormwater, except for discharges allowed under a NYSDEC permit

Notify your Section Supervisor if an illicit discharge is suspected on or near the Canal property

Floor Drains Connected Directly to Storm Sewer



Illicit Sewer Discharges

