Help Reduce Water Pollution Along Our Roadways

The goal of the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is to maintain the state’s water quality at its highest level. To achieve this goal, it’s important to locate the following types of hazardous pollution along the roadways:
- Illegal dumping: trash, tires, demolition debris, etc.
- Hazardous material: oil and paint
- Illegal drainage: washing machine drainage into ditches

NCDOT maintains more than 79,000 miles of roadside right-of-way and is focused on stopping pollutants before they reach stormwater collection systems. The collection systems include ditches, pipes, and related drainage systems. Pollutants include:
- Paints
- Wastewater
- Automobile fluids
- Commercial & industrial wastes

Stormwater pollutants can be identified by a discoloration (yellow, red, green, or gray), sudsy appearance, oily sheen, or smell (musty, rotten, sewage or gasoline) of the water.
You can help!

If you find any one of the stated conditions or actually see someone dumping material illegally within the roadside right-of-way, please complete the adjacent "IDDEP Water Pollution Report," and mail it in; or call 1-800-331-5864 to submit a report. Please report observations and do not remove pollutants from the site.

Please be sure not to remove or collect any of the pollutants because the material could be dangerous to your health. The department will follow up on this report by contacting the North Carolina Division of Water Quality for the appropriate action.

Be sure to carefully identify the specific site location, so it can be easily found. The IDDEP Water Pollution Report can be filed with the Office of Beautification.

Phone: 1-800-331-5864  
Fax: (919) 715-2554  
Mail: N.C. Dept. of Transportation  
Office of Beautification  
1540 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-1540

The Division of Highways created the Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Program (IDDEP) as part of the requirements of NCDOT's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Stormwater Permit. The IDDEP is administered jointly by the Department's Roadside Environmental and Hydraulic Units. The IDDEP awareness program is designed to utilize the resources of the Adopt-A-Highway volunteers and the Department of Public Safety prison inmates.

Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Program Water Pollution Report

PERSON REPORTING

Name: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________
City: ____________________________
State: __________________ Zip: ______
Phone: ____________________________

SITE DETAILS

Date: ____________________________
County: ____________________________
Road Name: ____________________________
Direction of Travel: ____________________________
Nearest intersection: ____________________________

TYPE OF POLLUTANT: (CIRCLE)

Oil/grease: yes no
Chemical: yes no
Sewage: yes no
Suds: yes no
Other: yes no

OBSERVATION

Dump: ____________________________
Discharge: ____________________________
Other: ____________________________

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