

**National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)  
NPDES General Permit # ILR400391 for Municipal Storm Water  
Discharges**

**Explanation of Storm Water:**

Storm Water is water that flows across the ground and pavement when it rains or when snow and ice melt. The water seeps into the ground or drains into storm sewers. These are the drains you see at street corners or at low points on the sides of your streets.

Collectively, the draining water is called storm water runoff and is a concern to us because of the pollutants it picks up and carries.

Unlike the water that leaves your house through a kitchen or bathroom, storm water is not treated. It flows directly to our river, along with the pollutants it carries with it.

The NPDES permit authorizes **only** the following non-storm water discharges:

- Water line and fire hydrant flushing
- Landscape irrigation water
- Rising ground waters
- Ground water infiltration
- Pumped ground water
- Discharges from potable water sources, (excluding wastewater discharges from water supply treatment plants)
- Foundation drains
- Air conditioning condensate
- Irrigation water, (except for wastewater irrigation)
- Springs
- Water from crawl space pumps
- Footing drains
- Storm sewer cleaning water
- Water from individual residential car washing
- Routine external building wash down which does not use detergents
- Flows from riparian habitats and wetlands
- De-chlorinated water reservoir discharges and
- Pavement wash-waters where spills or leaks of toxic or hazardous materials have not occurred (unless all spilled material has been removed).

For any questions or concerns, please contact:

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