



## IMPORTANT NOTICE

It has come to our attention that local businesses and commercial establishments may be performing actions that are prohibited by the City of Galveston. The following examples are practices prohibited by City Ordinance and State and Federal Law:

- Non-residential **washing vehicles of and equipment outdoors** that discharges wash water into the storm drainage system.
- Non-residential **power washing of pavements or buildings** that is discharged into the storm drainage system. Dumping **automotive fluids, cooking grease or food wastes** into the storm drainage system.
- Dumping **litter, trash, or other debris, including grass clippings and lawn wastes,** into the storm drainage system, including city streets, gutters, inlets, and ditches.

The City's storm drainage system includes city streets, inlets, gutters, and ditches and channels that discharge directly into Galveston Bay. Discharging or dumping prohibited items into the storm drainage system can cause health hazards because the storm water is not treated in any way. Galveston Bay serves as a major fishery and recreation area, so it is important that it is protected. Persons caught dumping or discharging these illicit wastes into the storm drainage system are subject to penalties including fines and cleanup costs.

If you observe someone performing a prohibited action, call the City of Galveston Municipal Utilities Department at (409) 797-3630 or you can file a complaint on the City's website at: [http://www.cityofgalveston.org/online\\_services/forms/report\\_problem\\_request.cfm](http://www.cityofgalveston.org/online_services/forms/report_problem_request.cfm)

### **Sec. 14-31. - Connection and discharge regulations.**

- (a) *Prohibition of illicit discharges.* No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged into the MS4 or into a watercourse any materials, including, but not limited to, discharges from non-residential pressure washing of vehicles or pavement, paints, varnishes and solvents; oil and other automotive fluids; nonhazardous liquid and solid wastes and yard wastes; refuse, rubbish, garbage, litter or other discarded or abandoned objects, ordinance, and accumulations that may cause or contribute to pollution; floatables; pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers; hazardous substances and wastes; sewage, bacteria (fecal, coliform, E. coli) and pathogens; dissolved and particulate metals; animal wastes; wastes and residues that result from constructing a building or structure; and noxious or offensive matter, grass clippings, pet waste, paint, oils, or waters containing any pollutants that cause or contribute to a violation of applicable water quality standards.

**KEEP OUR STORM WATER CLEAN**