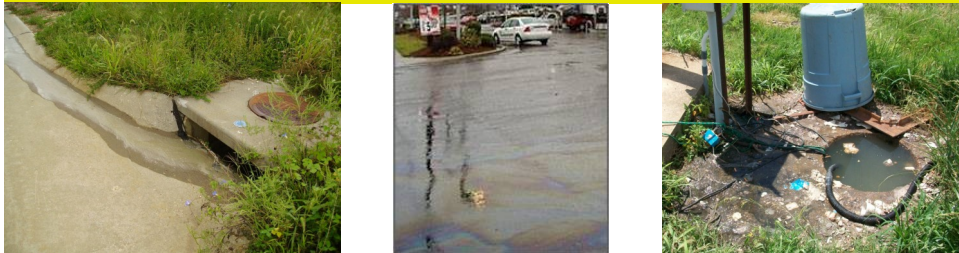# Do you know how to identify and report pollution?

When it rains, stormwater washes over the ground, picking up a variety of pollutants, such as oil, pesticides, bacteria, metals, and soil. This can get into streams and be toxic to aquatic life and other people using the water.

Help protect our water resources. Here's how and where to spot pollution:

Near storm drains...

Odor and appearance may indicate that there's a problem. Look for an oil sheen, odd smell, or floatables like toilet paper. Concrete wash-out (above left), rotten egg, sewage or petroleum odors should also be reported.

Near streams or ditches...

Litter is one of the biggest threats to water quality in Wentzville. Excessive trash and mud hinders aquatic habitat and can carry bacteria and other chemicals into waterways. Please report any pipes that discharge anything other than rainwater.

In yards and common ground areas...

Look for excessive algae, yard waste, suds, chemicals, or trash. Contractors found an oil spill during construction (middle). Rainbow sheens that separate easily (using a stick) are from natural decomposition. Sheens that separate and mix back together are from a synthetic source such as oil.

Report Pollution
During Business Hours:
Wentzville Concerns Hotline
636-639-2121

After Business Hours:
Dept. of Natural Resources
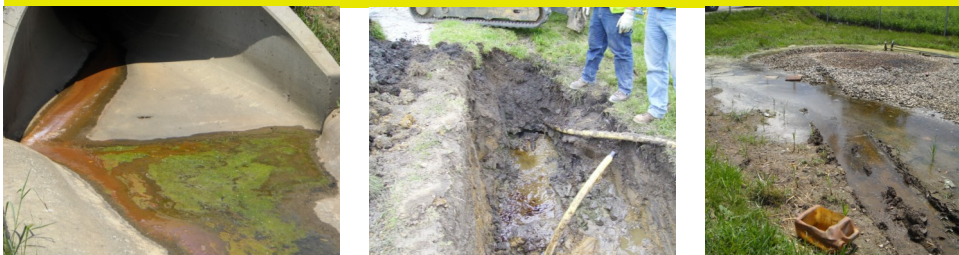24-Hour Hotline
(573) 634-2436

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