

POLLUTION

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...



TO REPORT POLLUTION:

Wentzville Customer Service Center
www.wentzvillemo.gov
(636) 639-2121

Emergency After Business Hours

MO Dept. of Natural Resources
24-Hour Hotline (*Environmental*)
(573) 634-2436

Resources

Engineering Department
Stormwater Division
www.wentzvillemo.gov/stormwater
(636) 327-5101

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...



Look for excessive algae, yard waste, suds, chemicals or trash. Oil spills found during construction should be reported (middle). Sheens that separate and mix back together are from a synthetic source such as oil. Rainbow sheens that separate easily using a stick are from natural decomposition and do not need to be reported.