

What is stormwater/stormwater runoff?

Any surface flow, runoff, and/or drainage consisting entirely of water from any form of natural precipitation, which is not absorbed, transpired, evaporated or left in surface depressions, and which then flows controlled or uncontrolled into a watercourse or body of water.

Forrest County Stormwater Ordinance

Forrest County adopted its stormwater ordinance in December 2004. The objectives of this ordinance are as follows:

- To regulate or restrict the introduction of pollutants that may potentially enter the County Drainage System;
- To prohibit Illegal Connections and Discharges to any separate storm sewer system;
- To identify, define, and regulate erosion, sediment and detention controls related to stormwater runoff.
- To prevent discharges that may occur as a result of spills, inappropriate dumping or disposal, and/or improper connections to the County drainage system, whether from residential, industrial, commercial or institutional establishments;
- To provide Forrest County with the authority to deal with Stormwater runoff non-conformance and illicit discharges, and to establish enforcement actions for those persons or entities found to be in noncompliance or that refuse to allow access to their facilities;
- To establish legal authority to carry out all inspection, surveillance, monitoring, and enforcement procedures necessary to ensure compliance with this ordinance.

A copy of the entire stormwater plan can be accessed by clicking the following link:

FORREST COUNTY ORDINANCE FOR STORMWATER RUNOFF, ILLICIT DISCHARGES, AND ILLEGAL CONNECTIONS ([hyperlink](#))

Available Resources <-- ([Link](#))

After the Storm: A Citizen's Guide to Understanding Stormwater (educational brochure published by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that focuses on stormwater pollution solutions for residential, commercial, agriculture, forestry, construction and automotive facilities.)

Stormwater Training Powerpoint (presentation for stormwater administrators, contractors, builders and the general public that addresses stormwater basics)

Stormwater Related Complaints <-- ([Link](#))

If you know of a stormwater issue or area within your community, please complete the complaint form and either mail or drop off in person to the Forrest County Planning Department. The complaint form can be found below.