

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](#)

Available Resources

- [*After the Storm: A Citizen's Guide to Understanding Stormwater*](#)
- [Training Document](#)