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The Merrillville Stormwater Utility department, in conjunction with the Lake County Solid Waste Management District, is encouraging all residents in the town to report illegal dumping near waterways.

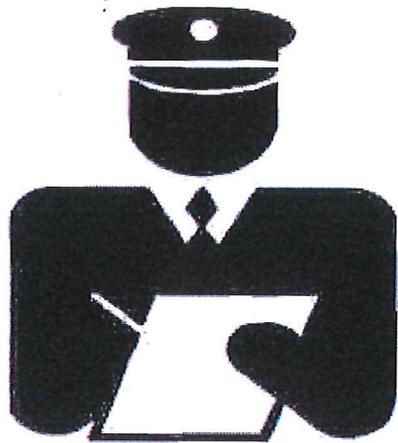
The illegal dumping signs (attached) will be posted at various locations within and around Merrillville waterways promoting a \$100 reward for information leading to a conviction.

“Illegal dumping at or in waterways prevents the proper flow in streams and waterways, which causes flooding. We are hopeful that the incentive to receive a reward will encourage people to report illegal dumping,” Executive Director Matt Lake said.

The Lake County Solid Waste Management District is partnering with the Merrillville Stormwater Utility department on this, and Solid Waste will pay the \$100 reward if a person is ultimately convicted of illegal dumping.

Illegal dumping within waterways includes, but is not limited to, grass clippings yard debris, concrete and other construction materials. Used oil, antifreeze and other chemical liquids, paint and paint products and other hazardous materials poured into storm sewer drains is also illegal and a violation of the town’s illegal dumping and stormwater ordinances. The water in storm drains should consist only of rain water and snow melt only since it returns to Lake Michigan as our drinking water.

Anyone who would like to report illegal dumping near waterways throughout Merrillville is encouraged to write down any offender’s license number, take pictures if possible, and then call the Stormwater Office at (219) 472-8668.



• **\$100  
Reward**

For information  
leading to a conviction  
of Illegal Dumping

**ILLEGAL DUMPING  
WITHIN & AROUND  
THIS WATERWAY COULD  
LEAD TO A FINE OF UP  
TO \$2,500 AND ARREST  
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