



REPORTING ENVIRONMENTAL VIOLATIONS

IN WISCONSIN

You can help protect public health and natural resources by reporting environmental violations to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Examples of violations include:

- agricultural runoff into surface water
- filling wetlands without a permit
- improper disposal of paint, pesticides or chemicals
- late-night dumping
- falsifying reports
- exceeding limits of an air or water pollution permit

DNR Environmental Hotline

1-800-847-9367 (call or text)

or submit a report online:

<https://dnrx.wisconsin.gov/rav/>

What to Know about Reporting a Violation

- Anyone who calls the hotline can choose to remain anonymous. However, if you choose to send a written report, your name and complaint will be a part of the public record.
- The more information you provide, the easier it will be to follow up on your report.

WHAT is the potential violation?

WHERE did it take place (county, township, road/highway)?

WHEN did it occur? Is this an in-progress violation?

WHO is involved? Record names, addresses and vehicles.

- If possible, take a picture or video of the violation.
- Keep a record of your report. If you made a phone call, write down who you talked to, when you talked to them, and what you told them. Ask for written confirmation of your report and written follow up.
- **Questions?** Contact Midwest Environmental Advocates at (608) 251-5047 or send an e-mail to rcarpenter@midwestadvocates.org. If you contact us after you report a potential violation, we may be able to assist by following up with DNR to determine what action will be taken.

EMERGENCIES

Dial 911 immediately if you are involved in or witness an emergency that poses an imminent threat to public safety.

To report a manure spill, oil spill, chemical spill or other environmental emergency call:

DNR Spill Hotline
1-800-943-0003