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

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.

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