What is a private storm drain connection?

Private storm drain connection means "any conveyance of storm water, including but not limited to any drainage pipe, ditch, or swale connected to any drainage facility or separate storm water, including but not limited to any drainage pipe, ditch, or swale connected to any drainage facility or separate storm water, including any curb or gutter."
Here are some examples of storm drain connections:

**Residential**

A corrugated hose connected to the roof drain discharges runoff directly into the gutter. This type can be disconnected and directed to landscaped areas.

A corrugated hose discharges pollutants into a stream. This type can be disconnected and directed to landscaped areas.

An underground pipe conveys runoff to the gutter through the curb. This type can be disconnected and directed to landscaped areas.

A swale within private property is a private drainage system that typically provides drainage for multiple property owners. Filling, removing, or diverting a drainage system should NOT be done without engineering analysis. These actions change the drainage pattern, which may result in flooding.

Similar to a swale, a channel within private property is a private drainage system. Each property owner of a private drainage system that ultimately connects to the City’s drainage system is required to have a drainage connection license.

**Commercial/Industrial**

Underground pipes convey runoff to the gutter through the curb. This type can be disconnected and directed to landscaped areas.

A drain pipe connects runoff from a parking lot directly into a City drainage channel. This type can be disconnected and directed to landscaped areas.

A pipe from private property connects directly into a City storm drainage structure. This type can be disconnected and directed to landscaped areas.

A drain inlet on a private road collects and conveys runoff into the City’s storm drainage system.

A catch basin in a private parking lot collects and conveys runoff into the City’s storm drainage system.

Runoff from private property is conveyed to the gutter through an opening in the sidewalk.