

4.5.8 DISCHARGE PROHIBITIONS

- A. Prohibition of Illegal Discharges: No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged into the municipal storm drain system or watercourses any materials, including but not limited to pollutants or waters containing any pollutants that cause or contribute to a violation of applicable water quality standards, other than stormwater. The commencement, conduct or continuance of any illegal discharge to the storm drain system is prohibited except as described as follows:
1. The following discharges are exempt from discharge prohibitions established by this ordinance; water line flushing or other potable water sources, landscaping irrigation or lawn watering, diverted steam flows, rising ground water, ground water infiltration to storm drains, uncontaminated pumped ground water, foundation or footing drains, crawl space pumps, air conditioning condensation, non-commercial washing of vehicles, swimming pools (if dechlorinated – typically less than 1PPM chlorine), fire fighting activities, and other water sources not containing pollutants.
 2. Discharges specified in writing by the authorized enforcement agency as being necessary to protect public health and safety.
 3. Dye testing is an allowable discharge, but requires a written notification to the authorized enforcement agency prior to the time of the test.
 4. The prohibition shall apply to any non-stormwater discharge permitted under an NPDES permit, waiver, or waste discharge order issued to the discharger and administered under the authority of the Federal Environmental Protection Agency, provided that the discharger is in full compliance with all requirements of the permit, waiver, or order and other applicable laws and regulations, and provided that written approval has been granted for any discharge to the storm drain system.
- B. Prohibition of Illicit Connections: The construction, use, maintenance or continued existence of illicit connections to the storm drain system is prohibited. This prohibition expressly includes, without limitations, illicit connections made in the past, regardless of whether the connection was permissible under law or practices applicable or prevailing at the time of the connection. A person is considered to be in violation of this ordinance if the person connects a line conveying sewage to the storm drain system, or allows such a connection to continue.

- C. Any person discharging to the storm drain system in violation of this ordinance may have their access terminated if such termination would abate or reduce an illegal discharge. The authorized enforcement agency will notify a violator of the proposed termination in writing. The violator may petition, in writing, the authorized enforcement agency for a reconsideration and hearing. Anyone who reconnects to the storm drain system without prior approval of the authorized enforcement agency shall be in violation of this ordinance.