

**CHAPTER 13.02**  
**STORMWATER ILLICIT DISCHARGE DETECTION AND ELIMINATION**

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13.02.010 Purpose: The purpose of this chapter is to regulate the contribution of pollutants, and to prohibit illicit connections to the City's stormwater system. (Ord. 2539, 11/24/09)

13.02.020 Illicit Discharges: No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged to the City's stormwater system any illicit discharge including the following:

- A. Trash or debris.
- B. Grass clippings, leaves, or other yard wastes.
- C. Construction material including cement, concrete, or soil.
- D. Petroleum products including oil, gasoline, grease, fuel oil, or heating oil.
- E. Antifreeze or other automotive products.
- F. Metal in excess of naturally occurring amounts in either particulate or dissolved forms.
- G. Sewage
- H. Food waste.
- I. Flammable or explosive material.
- J. Chemicals not normally found in uncontaminated water.
- K. Acids or alkalis with a pH of lower than 6.0 or higher than 11.
- L. Paint, stains, resins, lacquers, dyes, or varnishes.
- M. Degreasers, detergents, drain cleaners, or solvents.
- N. Commercial and household cleaning products.
- O. Pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, or soil amendments.
- P. Steam-cleaning , or pressure-washer wastes.
- Q. Soaps, or ammonia.
- R. Industrial waste water.

- S. Animal fecal or processing matter.
- T. Swimming pool cleaning wastewater and filter backwash.
- U. Process associated discharge except as allowed in this chapter.
- V. Other Hazardous wastes that are not defined above. (Ord. 2539, 11/24/09)

13.02.030 Allowed Non-Stormwater Discharges: The following discharges to the City's stormwater system are allowed provided they do not exceed the capacity of the stormwater system:

- A. Uncontaminated groundwater pumped from foundation drains and crawl spaces.
- B. Air conditioner condensation.
- C. Emergency fire fighting activities. (Ord. 2539, 11/24/09)

13.02.040 Conditional Non-stormwater Discharges: The following non-stormwater discharges to the City's stormwater system are allowed provided that the non-stormwater discharge does not exceed the capacity of the City's stormwater system.

- A. Non-stormwater discharge permitted under an NPDES permit issued by the Department of Ecology.
- B. Water from potable sources, including water main flushing, hyper-chlorinated water main flushing, fire hydrant system flushing, and water main hydrostatic test water provided that the water is dechlorinated to a concentration of 0.1 ppm or less, the pH is from 6 to 11, and the velocity is controlled to prevent resuspension of sediments.
- C. Swimming pool discharges provided that the water is dechlorinated to a concentration of 0.1 ppm or less, the pH is from 6 to 11, and the velocity is controlled to prevent resuspension of sediments.
- D. Street and sidewalk wash water from a potable supply, provided that debris from the streets and sidewalks is swept and removed prior to washing the streets. (Ord. 2568, 7/13/10; Ord. 2539, 11/24/09)

13.02.050 Existing Illicit Connections and Discharges: Illicit connections made in the past, regardless of whether the connection was permissible under law or practices applicable or prevailing at the time of connection, are expressly prohibited. Elimination of the illicit connections shall be made by the property owner within six (6) months after the date of official notice to do so. (Ord. 2539, 11/24/09)

13.02.060 Waste Disposal: No person shall throw, deposit, leave, maintain, or keep in or upon any public or private property any refuse, rubbish, garbage, litter, or other discarded or abandoned objects, articles, or accumulations that may cause contamination to the stormwater system. Wastes deposited in waste receptacles, designed for the purposes of collection, are exempt from this prohibition. (Ord. 2539, 11/24/09)

13.02.070 Best Management Practices (BMPs): All property owners shall provide reasonable protection from accidental discharge of prohibited material into the City's stormwater system through the use of structural and nonstructural BMPs listed and described in the Stormwater Management Manual for Eastern Washington. (Ord. 2579, 7/13/10; Ord. 2539, 11/24/09)

13.02.080 Notification of Spills: The property owner shall take the following steps upon discovery or notification of suspected illicit discharges from their property into the stormwater system or Moses Lake:

- A. Act to ensure the discovery, containment, and cleanup of the discharge.
- B. For hazardous materials, immediately notify emergency dispatch service at 911, and the City's Stormwater Program Manager at City Hall.
- C. For nonhazardous materials immediately notify the City's Stormwater Program Manager at City Hall. (Ord. 2568, 7/13/10; Ord. 2539, 11/24/09)

13.02.090 Severability: If any provision of this chapter or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this chapter or the application of the provisions of this chapter are declared to be severable, and shall remain in full effect. (Ord. 2539, 11/24/09)