

Disposal Options for Wastewater Generated by Power Washers



POWER WASHING WASTEWATER CANNOT BE DISCHARGED INTO THE

STORM SEWER. *The applicable code related to the discharges into storm sewers or watercourses can be found in Article 5 of [Chapter 6-5 of the Austin City Code](#) (Water Quality).*

Please call the **Pollution Hotline at 512-974-2550** to report any pollution complaints within the Austin City limits, the five-mile extra-territorial jurisdiction, and within the City's water supply watersheds. Program investigators respond 24 hours a day, seven days a week. **You may also leave a message on pager 512-802-7354.**



POWER WASHING WASTEWATER MAY BE ALLOWED TO DISCHARGE INTO THE SANITARY SEWER UNDER

CERTAIN CONDITIONS. *The applicable code related to the discharges into the sanitary sewer system can be found in [Chapter 15-10 of the Austin City Code](#) (Wastewater Regulations).*

The Austin Water Special Services Division regulates industrial wastewater discharges into the sanitary sewer system. Since this type of wastewater cannot discharge into the storm sewer, it must be collected and transported to either the landfill or a private fixed site facility connected to the City's sanitary sewer collection system.

You cannot dump this wastewater down a cleanout, manhole or toilet at the site you are cleaning. Hauled industrial wastewater is not allowed for disposal at the City's Approved Receiving Station, located at the Walnut Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.

To establish your own private fixed site facility, certain conditions must be met:

- A Permit Application must be submitted for review.
- All industrial wastewater discharges must be authorized by permit.
- The fixed site facility must have appropriate pretreatment (e.g., grit trap).
- A review will be performed to determine if a wastewater flow meter will be required to be installed on the discharge from the fixed site to facilitate billing for wastewater charges and, possibly wastewater surcharges.

To ensure your power washing operation remains in compliance, do not proceed without first contacting the Austin Water Special Services Division at 512-972-1060.

Special Notes:

- *Local landfills may be another option for the disposal of hauled liquid waste. Please call and check with each landfill site for their individual requirements.*
- *An unauthorized discharge into the sanitary sewer system is a violation of Chapter 15-10, considered a **Class C Misdemeanor** and is punishable with a fine of up to **\$2,000 per day per violation**.*

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