

Allowable
Discharge to
Water Resources
Form



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This form is intended to clarify allowable discharges (including dewatering) to the City of Vancouver's (City) water resources (water resources includes surface water, stormwater, and groundwater). Before directing or disposing of water to the City's water resources, fill out this form to determine if the discharge is listed as Prohibited or Allowable. In general, prohibited discharges include anything that, if discharged or improperly disposed of, may present a risk to water resources. In addition to filling out this form, please review the City of Vancouver's Water Resources Protection Municipal Code (VMC 14.26.117), which provides more information on prohibited and allowable discharges.

To Obtain Approval for Discharges to City Water Resources, the Applying Party Must:

- Determine if the discharge is hazardous by reviewing the allowable discharges listed and answering the questions included in this application.
- Provide the name of the entity discharging water to the City's water resources, and have the completed application signed by an authorized representative responsible for the accuracy of information submitted.
- Include all supporting information listed under the headings Water Discharge Information and Water Characteristics.
- Include a map showing the desired location for the discharge.
- Additional sampling/testing data may be required if requested by the City for determining proposed discharge water toxicity.

Water Discharge Information

Generator Name:

Agent/Contact:

Phone:

Agent/Contact Address:

Email:

Source of Water:

Volume (units):

*pH test needed for de-chlorinated discharges

Process Generating Water:

Frequency of Discharge (one-Time, daily, weekly, etc.):

Requested Date(s) of Discharge:

Water Characteristics (if applicable)

Color and Odor:

Clarity:

Chlorine Level:

pH:

Certification Statement

I certify under penalty of law that the information provided on this document and all attachments is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate and complete. I certify that all samples used for this analysis are representative of the water described herein. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment.

Authorized Representative's Signature

Printed Name

Common Allowable Discharges

Allowable discharges to the City's stormwater drainage system:

- Natural uncontaminated surface water or ground water.

Conditionally allowable discharges to City's stormwater drainage system:

- *Potable water* – Must be dechlorinated to 0.1 PPM or less, pH-adjusted if necessary (between 6.5 & 8.5), and volume and velocity controlled to prevent flooding and the stirring-up of sediments in the stormwater system.
- *Swimming Pool/Fountain Water* – As necessary water must be dechlorinated to 0.1 PPM or less, pH-adjusted (between 6.5 & 8.5), reoxygenized, and velocity controlled to prevent flooding and the stirring-up of sediments in the stormwater system. Pool cleaning water and filter backwash shall **not be** discharged to the stormwater system.
- *Street, Sidewalk, and Building Wash Water* – Only clean, non-polluted wash water may be discharged to the City's storm system. Wash water with detergents shall **not be** discharged to the City's stormwater system. Minimize the discharge of wash water through water conservation efforts and by directing wash water to landscaped areas.

Allowable discharges to lawns, landscaped areas, or pervious surfaces:

- Potable water
- Landscape watering
- Residential care and boat washing
- Residential swimming pool and spa water
- Common discharge practices from water well disinfection

You may also reference the [2019 Stormwater Management Manual of Western Washington](#) (SWMMWW) for Best Management Practices (BMPs) to address pollution concerns when discharging water.

“Pollution” or “pollutants” mean such contamination, or other alteration of the physical, chemical or biological properties, of any waters of the state, including change in temperature, taste, color, turbidity, or odor of the waters, or such discharge of any



liquids, gaseous, solid, radioactive, or other substance into any waters of the state as will or is likely to create a nuisance or render such waters harmful, detrimental or injurious to the public health, safety or welfare, or to domestic, commercial, industrial, agricultural, recreational, or other legitimate beneficial uses, or to livestock, wild animals, birds, fish or other aquatic life.

Email the completed form to citywaterprotection@cityofvancouver.us

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