



County of Fairfax, Virginia

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NOMAN M. COLE Jr., POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT SEPTAGE DISPOSAL PROCEDURES

Violation of these procedures, or regulations contained in Chapter 67.1 of the Fairfax County Code (Sanitary Sewers and Sewage Disposal), or Chapter 68.1 of the Fairfax County Code (Individual Sewage Disposal Facilities), or Federal Regulations under 40 CFR Part 403.5 (General Pretreatment Regulations) may result in denial of access to Fairfax County Septage Disposal Locations and other enforcement actions. Contact the Industrial Waste Section, telephone number 703-550-9740, ext. 419, if you have any questions about these procedures.

1. Contact Information

To report equipment malfunctions, spills or emergencies, call plant operations at extension 240, 316, or 277 for assistance. If no answer, dial 0 for the operator. **For spills or other emergencies speak to someone in person, do not leave a message. Drivers must stay with their trucks at the facility until assistance arrives.**

2. Disposal Site Hours of Operation

Septage deliveries will be allowed Monday-Friday, during the hours of 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you have an emergency need to discharge outside regular hours, call the Industrial Waste Section at 571-585-5663 or plant operations at 703-550-9740 extension 240, 316, or 277 for assistance. Enter the plant through the Richmond Highway entrance and check in with the security guard at the front gate.

3. Authorized Users

Only currently licensed sewage handlers or specially authorized haulers will be permitted to use the disposal facility. Residents of Fairfax County may discharge sanitary wastes from recreational vehicle holding tanks, if pre-arranged with the Industrial Waste Section. The *Septage Disposal Procedures* apply to county residents as well as licensed haulers.

4. Location of the Waste Generator

Only wastes generated within Fairfax County, the towns of Clifton, Herndon, and Vienna, and the cities of Fairfax and Falls Church will be accepted.

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WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT



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5. **Permissible Wastes**

Only wastes from septic tanks, portable toilets (septage), and restaurant grease traps are permitted. Discharge of other types of wastes is not allowed, unless specifically approved by the Industrial Waste Section. Wastes with the potential to adversely affect the sanitary sewer system are prohibited. Refer to Section 67.1-2-1 of the Fairfax County Code for a listing of prohibited wastes. Effective September 1, 2010, septage and portable toilet wastes containing formaldehyde or 1, 4-dichlorobenzene cannot be discharged to sanitary sewers in Fairfax County.

6. **Representative Samples**

Upon request, the waste hauler must provide a representative sample of the load for analysis. Wastes with unusual appearance (such as multiple layers, color or excessive solids), unusual odor (such as solvents or gasoline), or extreme pH (below 5.0 or above 12.0) may be rejected. Any load suspected to violate disposal requirements will be evaluated by the Industrial Waste Section.

7. **Waste Documentation**

All waste haulers must complete an electronic Fairfax County Sewage Handling Manifest with each delivery using the onsite computer. Manifest information must be complete and accurate. Report computer malfunctions per #1 above.

8. **Discharge Procedures**

- Proceed to the dump pad when the **green traffic light** is displayed. **Do not discharge if the red traffic light is on or the blue light is flashing.**
- Insert hose into the receiving collar and discharge waste.
- Complete electronic manifest using the onsite computer. The pH of the waste will be automatically tested and displayed on the electrical panel readout. **If the waste pH is below 5.0 or above 12.0 standard units, an alarm will be activated. Call plant operations at extension 240, 316, or 277 for assistance. Do not attempt to leave the facility.** The driver will be required to remove the waste unless specifically exempted.
- Clean up any spillage occurring inside the concrete containment area using the hose provided. **Do not use the hose to clean spills that occur outside of the containment area.**
- Press the red button at the dump pad to start the flush cycle. Ensure traffic light turns red, and depart site. **Contact plant operations per #1 above if the light does not turn red, or the blue light on the post begins to flash.**

9. **Tampering With Equipment and Structures is Prohibited**

Do not touch gates, cameras, equipment, or controls other than the computer and the flush button at the dump pad. Section 67.1-1-8 of the Fairfax County Code states that “No person shall maliciously, willfully or negligently break, damage, destroy, uncover, deface or tamper with any structure, apparatus or equipment which is part of the Facilities of the County.”

10. **Site/Vehicle Cleaning**

Cleaning trucks and equipment is not permitted at the disposal site. A hose bib is provided for cleaning of small amounts of sewage that may be released in the concrete containment area. **Sewage spills that occur outside of the containment area must be immediately reported per #1 above. Do not attempt to clean spills outside the containment area.**

11. **Conduct While on Plant Property**

Waste haulers must operate vehicles safely, including obeying the posted speed limit. Waste haulers must conduct themselves in a professional manner.