Central Contra Costa Sanitary District

General Discharge Prohibitions

This fact sheet summarizes the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District's (District) general discharge prohibitions that establish enforceable requirements. More detailed information on these requirements can be obtained by reading the complete text in sections 10.08.020, 10.08.030, and 10.08.040 of the District Code.

Prohibited Effects:

- Discharges that pose a threat to human health (e.g. District employees, the public) including hazardous conditions and nuisances;
- Discharges that damage, obstruct, or impede the operation and maintenance of the District's collection system and treatment plant;
- Discharges that cause interference with the treatment processes, a "passthrough" event, or any other violation of the permits issued to the District to collect, treat and dispose of wastewater and its residuals;
- Discharges that are prohibited by other statutes or regulations, cause the District to alter its operating permits or plant processes, or prompt additional regulatory oversight by other agencies.

Prohibited Substances or Characteristics:

- Flammable or explosive substances;
- Solid or viscous substances that may cause obstruction of or interference with District facilities;
- Substances having a pH of <5.5 or >11.5 pH units;
- Liquids, solids or gases that are toxic or hazardous to human health or District operations;
- High temperature wastewater (150°F when discharged to the collection system);
- Significant deviations from the daily quantity and/or quality of wastewater discharged;
- Radioactive substances prohibited by either state or federal regulatory requirements;
- Unpolluted water (e.g.; groundwater, storm water) unless specifically authorized by a District permit;
- Septic tank, holding tank, portable toilet, grease interceptor, oil/sand interceptor wastes unless transported into the treatment plant by a waste hauler permitted by the District;
- Hazardous wastes as defined by either federal or state laws and regulations;
- Wastewater that exceeds any federal categorical discharge limits or the District's Local Discharge Limits.