

# General Discharge Guidelines

Discharge Type	Can this go into the Stormwater System?	Can this go into the Sanitary System?	What to Know/Best Management Practices (BMPs)
Car Washing	Businesses: no, unless permitted by the State	Yes	The City advises residents to wash on gravel or grass. We also provide "Fish-Friendly Car Wash Kits" for local nonprofit groups. Goal is to keep sediment, oil & grease, and soaps out of local waterways.
	Residents: yes, with BMPs		
Carpet Cleaning	No	Yes	The City advises residents to drain to sanitary system after filtering. Goal is to keep sediment, oil & grease, solvents, and detergents out of local waterways.
Concrete Cutting/Washout	No	Needs City approval	The City advises residents to vacuum, evaporate/settle, and dispose of solids separately. Pretreat by settling likely required. Concrete is caustic and has a high pH. Goal is to keep concrete - and related materials like sediment, oil & grease, sulfates, and hydroxides - out of local waterways. Please advise residents to contact City staff.
Contact/ Non-contact Cooling & Heating Water, Boiler Blowdown, & Cooling Tower Blowdown	No, unless permitted by the State	Needs City approval	The City is concerned about corrosive, acidic compounds reacting with carbonates to produce carbon dioxide and salts. While it is possible to contain pollutants, please advise residents to contact City staff.
Dewatering Vaults	Possibly	Needs City approval	The City is concerned that pollutants may be present in runoff. Please advise residents to contact City staff.
Fire Suppression - Annual Flush	No	Yes	Fire-fighting foam should never be discharged to the sanitary sewer without permission. The City is concerned with elevated metals, antifreeze, biocides, surfactants, and extinguishing & foaming agents. Please advise residents to contact City staff.
Fire Suppression - Emergency Event	No	Needs City approval	
Kitchen Hood Cleaning	No	Needs City approval	The City is concerned with oils & grease and cleaning agents. Residents cannot use emulsifiers if they plan to discharge to the sanitary system. Please advise residents to contact City staff.

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Latex Paint Brush Washing	No	Yes	The City advises residents to use latex paint in rinse water only. Remove as much liquid paint as possible first - recycle or dispose. The goal is to keep solvents and metals out of local waterways. Oil-based paints must be taken to a hazardous waste disposal center.
Oil		No	
Parking Lot Degreaser	No	Needs City approval	The City is concerned with oil & grease, gas, antifreeze, metals, sediment, and alkaline cleaning products reaching local waterways. Please advise residents to contact City staff.
Pharmaceuticals	No	No	Pharmaceutical compounds that enter either system cannot be removed, and can reach waterways where they harm aquatic life. Please refer residents to EPA/DEQ websites for specific information. Residents with outdated or unused medications can use the Prescription Drug Drop Boxes in Lane County. For more information visit <a href="http://www.preventionlane.org">www.preventionlane.org</a>
Pressure Washing	Yes, with BMPs	Needs City approval	The City advises residents to vacuum up water and sweep up any solids to prevent the used water (and pollutants like heat, cleaning compounds, sediment, oil & grease, and metals) from reaching local waterways. Please advise residents to contact City staff.
Swimming Pool/Hot Tub Draining	Yes, with BMPs	Yes, conditionally	The City advises residents to discharge water at a slow rate on the ground and evaporate (or discharge to Sanitary Sewer system) AFTER 2 weeks of no chlorination. High volumes of chlorine entering the local waterway can affect pH levels and harm aquatic life.

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