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Environmental Compliance
A division of Public Works

Illicit Discharges

No person shall cause or allow the discharge, emission, disposal, pouring, or pumping directly or indirectly to any stormwater conveyance, the waters of the State, or upon the land in manner and amount that the substance is likely to reach a stormwater conveyance or the waters of the State, any liquid, solid, gas, or other substance, other than stormwater; provided that non-stormwater discharges associated with the following activities are allowed and provided that they do not significantly impact water quality:

- Water line flushing
- Landscape irrigation
- Diverted stream flows
- Rising ground waters
- Uncontaminated ground water infiltration (as defined at 40 CFR 35.2005(20))
- Uncontaminated pumped ground water
- Discharges from potable water sources
- Foundation drains
- Air conditioning condensation
- Irrigation water
- Springs
- Water from crawl space pumps
- Footing drains
- Lawn watering
- Individual residential car washing
- Flows from riparian habitats and wetlands
- Dechlorinated swimming pool discharges
- Street wash water
- Other non-stormwater discharges for which a valid NPDES discharge permit has been approved and issued by the State of Florida, and provided that any such discharges to the municipal separate storm sewer system shall be authorized by the City of Panama City.

Prohibited substances also include but are not limited to grease, oil, anti-freeze, chemicals, animal waste, paints, garbage, food, and litter.

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Illicit Connections

Connections to a stormwater conveyance or stormwater conveyance system that allow the discharge of non-stormwater, other than the exclusions described in subsection above, are unlawful. Prohibited connections include, but are not limited to floor drains, wastewater from washing machines or sanitary sewers, wash water from commercial vehicle washing or steam cleaning, and wastewater from septic systems.

Where such connections exist in violation of this section and said connections were made prior to the adoption of this provision or any other ordinance prohibiting such connections, the property owner or the person using said connection shall remove the connection within six months following the effective date of this ordinance. However, the six-month grace period shall not apply to connections which may result in the discharge of hazardous materials or other discharges which pose an immediate threat to health and safety or are likely to result in immediate injury and harm to real or personal property, natural resources, wildlife, or habitat.

Spills

Spills or leaks of polluting substances released, discharged to, or having the potential to be released or discharged to the stormwater conveyance system shall be contained, controlled, collected, and properly disposed. All affected areas shall be restored to their preexisting condition.

Persons in control of the polluting substances immediately prior to their release or discharge, and persons owning the property on which the substances were released or discharged, shall immediately notify the City of Panama City Public Works Department and/or the Stormwater Manager of the release or discharge, as well as making any required notifications under state and federal law. Notification shall not relieve any person of any expenses related to the restoration, loss, damage, or any other liability which may be incurred because of said spill or leak, nor shall such notification relieve any person from other liability which may be imposed by State or other law.

To Notify of any illicit discharge, please call the Environmental Compliance a Division of Public Works 850-691-4576 or email; dmcardle@pcgov.org.