

Why are best management practices (BMPs) Important?

BMPs are methods or procedures that have been proven to be effective and practical in preventing pollution from being discharged to the sewer or environment. It is important for all commercial and industrial facilities to have adequate BMPs to treat the high strength wastewater that can be produced before it reaches the sewer system.

REQUIREMENTS

Compliance with Local Codes

All medical or clinical operations that send wastewater to the sewer system must ensure their wastewater complies with all local codes and requirements. Pretreating wastewater effluent and using BMP's will help stay in compliance with City code and protect the sewer system from harmful pollution.



Clinical Facility



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Wastewater Treatment Plant

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Pretreatment Technician: 509-888-3670,
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Additional Resources

HAZARDOUS WASTE HANDLING:

Department of Ecology

509-575-2490
www.ecy.wa.gov

Chelan-Douglas County Health District

(509) 886-6400
www.cdhd.wa.gov

Wastewater Best Management Practices (BMPs)

Clinical Facility BMPs

- * Determine if any waste material is hazardous by using the guidelines found in both WAC 173-303-9903 and WAC 173-303-9904.



- * Post signs above drains/sinks prohibiting the discharge of oils and chemicals.



- * Develop a written spill response plan, train employees on clean-up procedures.

- * Keep spill clean-up materials on-site, immediately clean up spills.



Keep all chemical containers on secondary containment trays or in diked areas away from floor drains.

Pollution Prevention Tips

- * Develop and follow a written Environmental Management Plan, periodically inspecting and repairing equipment.

- * Use environmentally friendly cleaning products.

- * Do not allow wash water to enter the storm drain or gutter.



- * Frequently sweep or vacuum your floor, especially before mopping.

- * Contact the City of Wenatchee Pretreatment Technician if you plan to install a new machine that discharges wastewater to the sewer system or if there are any significant changes to your operations.

A full list of prohibited discharges to the sewer system, including discharge limits, can be found in Wenatchee City Code 4.08.080.

More Pollution Prevention Tips

- * Follow regulations from the Management Standards for Hazardous Waste Pharmaceuticals Ruling: 40 CFR 266 Subpart P.

- * Consult the "Management of Hazardous Waste Pharmaceuticals" information on the Environmental Protection Agency's website (www.epa.gov).

- * Storage and waste containers should have clear labels indicating their contents and hazards.

- * Please **do not flush** the following materials:

Vitamins, Medicines, Pharmaceuticals, Bandaging, Examination gloves, Non-infectious medical waste such as IV bags or tubing, X-ray or other diagnostic film media, Cotton swabs, Dental floss, Sanitary napkins, Tampons, Diapers, Baby wipes, Disinfectant wipes – even if labeled "flushable", Infectious medical waste such as sharps or blood-saturated waste materials.

