

A GUIDE TO **Commercial Wastewater** DISPOSAL



SMALL QUANTITY
GENERATOR PROGRAM

BUSINESS OWNERS...

Think before you pour "it" down the drain!

Do you know where your drain leads?

- **To surface waters?**
"Only rain down the drain"

- **To a septic system?**
Domestic sewage ONLY!

- **To a sewer?**
If you discharge any waste that could be construed as hazardous waste into a city/county sewer, you must have the written permission of the Publically Owned Treatment Works (POTW), or wastewater treatment plant.



Large manufacturers may have wastewater permits; however, the vast majority of businesses fall well below the permitting levels. This does not mean a business can dispose of even small quantities of hazardous chemicals down the drain.

Discharges of concern include:

- acids and bases (pH)
- high temperature discharges
- aqueous metals
- pharmaceuticals
- sludges, grease and solids



Each POTW has its own specific regulations. These can be found at www.municode.com.

When in doubt, contact your POTW concerning your specific needs.



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