

Notice from the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission and the Cities
of Eugene and Springfield

Commercial and Industrial Wastewater Customers

On February 22, 2019, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a final Rule that prohibits the discharge of any hazardous waste pharmaceutical or Drug Enforcement Agency controlled substance to the wastewater system (e.g., no disposal down the drain and no flushing). This regulation applies to all healthcare related facilities and reverse distributors.

Healthcare facilities that are prohibited from discharging these wastes include: ambulance services, ambulatory surgical centers, chiropractors, dental providers, health clinics, hospitals, long-term care facilities, military medical logistics facilities, optical providers, pharmacies (including long-term care and mail order), physicians' offices, psychiatric hospitals, retailers of pharmaceuticals, 3rd party logistics providers, veterinary clinics & hospitals, and wholesale distributors.

Hazardous Waste Pharmaceutical means a pharmaceutical that is a waste as defined in 40 CFR Section 261.2 and exhibits one or more characteristics identified in part 261 subpart C or is a listed hazardous waste in part 261 subpart D.

The following notification is to inform your business of its obligations under Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulation Part 266, Standards for the Management of Specific Hazardous Wastes:

As of August 21, 2019, no healthcare facility or reverse distributor shall discharge any of these prohibited pharmaceuticals to the City wastewater system.

Note: If any commercial, government or industrial facility discharges a hazardous waste to the City wastewater system they must report such discharges as specified in Section 4.016 of the Springfield Municipal Code and Section 6.536 of the Eugene City Code.

For more information on the Management Standards for Hazardous Waste Pharmaceuticals go to: www.epa.gov/hwgenerators/final-rule-management-standards-hazardous-waste-pharmaceuticals-and-amendment-p075

Questions regarding this notice for City of Springfield facilities may be addressed to the City of Springfield's Pretreatment Program at 225 Fifth Street, Springfield, OR 97477, or by calling (541) 726-3694. Questions regarding this notice for City of Eugene facilities may be addressed to City of Eugene's Industrial Source Control Program at 410 River Avenue, Eugene, OR 97404, or by calling (541) 682-8600.

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