CITY OF SPOKANE WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT

Fact Sheet for Wastewater Haulers

Permit #WH-4953

Effective: October 1, 2024
Expiration: September 30, 2029

1. BACKGROUND
   The fact sheet is used as a reference when writing the permit for wastewater haulers, in compliance with the provisions of the General Pretreatment Regulations, 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 403. These regulations are authorized by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, also known as the Clean Water Act, as amended, 33 United States Code 1251 et seq. This permit is also regulated by Washington State Waste Discharge Permit, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-216, under provisions of Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 90.48. This permit is also regulated by The Spokane Municipal Code (SMC) regulating the wastewater hauler's discharge by Chapter 13.03, "Sewers" and 13.03A, "Pretreatment."

2. DISCHARGE POINT(S):
   Regulated loads of hauled wastewater discharge to the headworks unloading station at Riverside Park Water Reclamation Facility (RPWRF). [SMC 13.03A.0212.A]

3. BOUNDARIES:
   In 2024 the City created an official policy "Hauled Wastewater Acceptance Boundaries Riverside Park Water Reclamation Facility Industrial Pretreatment Program" to control where hauled waste would be accepted from.

4. TYPES OF HAULED WASTE:
   Domestic Waste—Domestic waste includes waste removed from a septic tank, cesspool, holding tank, food-service grease trap/interceptor, or a similar system that receives only household, non-industrial sewage. Portable toilet waste may be classified as equivalent to domestic waste on a case by case basis.

   Non-Domestic Wastewater— Non-domestic waste may include non-dangerous and non-hazardous commercial or industrial waste, landfill leachate waste, groundwater remediation site waste, chemical toilet waste, etc. [SMC 13.03A.0212.E]
   - Non-Dangerous, Non-Hazardous Commercial or Industrial Waste: The waste generator must certify that their waste does not qualify as a dangerous waste as defined in WAC 173-216-030 or hazardous waste as defined in 40 CFR Part 261. These wastes may include process wastes, cooling water, boiler blowdown, etc. RPWRF personnel must determine if the process waste is subject to Categorical Pretreatment Standards as listed in 40 CFR Parts 405-471. Categorical waste shall not be discharged to RPWRF without the generator having a Significant Industrial

User Wastewater Discharge Permit, but may be hauled if all categorical requirements are met.

- Landfill Leachate: Landfill leachate is the liquid which passes through or emerges from solid waste. Pollutant concentrations may vary widely, though older landfills tend to reach steady-state effluent conditions.
- Groundwater Remediation Site Waste: Some remediation site wastes may contain pollutant concentrations that may cause pass-through or interference. For example, remediation wastes from a fuel contaminated site may have high concentrations of organic compounds.
- Portable Toilet Waste: Wastes from chemical toilets, RV and marine toilets, and portable toilets may contain antibacterial or disinfecting agents. RPWRF personnel should obtain information on the volume and concentrations of bacterial growth inhibiters and evaluate how much can be safely handled by RPWRF. Portable urinal air fresheners may contain harmful organic compounds. These may be approved on a case by case basis.
- Dangerous or Hazardous Wastes: Dangerous or hazardous wastes shall not be discharged to RPWRF under any circumstance. It is the generator's responsibility to certify that the wastewater does not qualify as a dangerous waste as defined in WAC 173-216-030 or hazardous waste as defined in 40 CFR Part 261.

Right of refusal [SMC 13.03A.0212.C]
The Plant Manager may decline to accept any hauled wastewater or may require wastewater haulers or generators as designated by the Plant Manager to apply for discharge permit coverage.

5. MANIFESTS:
   The City has the authority to specify any appropriate reporting and recordkeeping requirements to prevent and control waste discharges. (40 CFR 403.12 (e),(g), and (h), WAC 173-216-110 and SMC 13.03A.0411.

6. FEES:
   Fees for dumping hauled wastes will be established as part of the user fee system as authorized in SMC 13.03 and SMC 13.03A.1401. [SMC 13.03A.0212.F]

   Each unsecured utility billing account is charged a refundable deposit. Refund will be given in the full amount if the account balance is paid in full.

7. VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS:
   The offload area is not a truck wash. It is acceptable to minimally rinse the rear of the truck, pressure relief valves, and the concrete in the area. Washing the tank, undercarriage, and tires causes excessive wear on pumps.

8. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:
   All RPWRF facility rules must be followed. A full list is available from our safety coordinator on request. Those requirements called out in the permit are ones of more prominent concern for wastewater haulers.

9. DUMP PROCEDURES:
   All required documentation must be complete and accurate at the time of submittal. [SMC 13.03A.0212.D]

   Knowingly making any false statement on any report or other document required by this permit may result in punishment under criminal laws of the City, as well as being subject to civil penalties and relief. [SMC 13.03A.0305]

   Unloading or dumping of hauled wastewater by any method other than direct connection to facilities provided at RPWRF is strictly prohibited. The grate and sump under the approved connection point at headworks is not considered direct connection.

   Notifying operators of heavy loads is essential to prevent screens from blinding and potentially causing RPWRF to bypass, which is a violation of the City's NPDES permit.

10. INSPECTION:
    Truck inspections for new vehicles consist of measuring the length from weld seam to weld seam and the diameter across the back of the truck so that the volume of the cylinder can be calculated. Ten percent will be deducted to account for the air gap on each inspection sheet and a copy provided to each hauler. The calculated volume minus the 10% for the air gap will be entered in Linko HW to ensure accurate billing for each load discharged. Photographing the truck and checking for other permit requirements like labeling are also included on the inspection sheet. [SMC 13.03A.0601]

    Permit renewals, new license plates, or updating the exterior of the truck require new photographs and a check of the other permit requirements on the inspection sheet, but will not be remeasured.

11. PERMIT:
    a. Permit Application [SMC 13.03A.0304, 13.03A.0305]
    b. Permit Modification [SMC 13.03A.0310, 13.03A.0903]
    c. Permit Transfer [SMC 13.03A.0311]
    d. Permit Renewal [SMC 13.03A.0313]

       This permit shall be reviewed, updated, and renewed every five years. Wastewater haulers wishing to renew authorization to haul wastewater to RPWRF must submit a permit renewal application and undergo truck inspection as requested by the City of Spokane Industrial Pretreatment Program.

All such records must be maintained for at least three years, unless a longer time is ordered by the Plant Manager. If any enforcement action or litigation arises in relation to this chapter, the retention period is automatically extended to an additional one year after final disposition by the last court of resort. [SMC 13.03A.0411]

12. ENFORCEMENT:
    "Enforcement" describes the penalties for violating permit conditions [SMC 13.03A Sections 9 and 10].
    The wastewater hauler permit will be revoked following violation of permit conditions and will not be reinstated without approval of the Director of Wastewater Management. [SMC 13.03A.0312]

13. POLLUTANT LIMITS:
    Local Limits and Specific Prohibitions from SMC 13.03A shall not be enforced upon wastewater of domestic sources. [SMC 13.03A.0101.C]
    Any pollutant or wastewater which causes pass through or interference is prohibited. [SMC 13.03A.0201]

14. SAMPLING:
    Sampling [SMC 13.03A.0212.B, SMC 13.03A.0501 – SMC 13.03A.0503]

15. SEVERABILITY:
    "Severability," prohibits the Permittee from using the permit as a basis for violating any laws, statutes or regulations. [SMC 13.03A.0109]

16. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

    Public Notice of Draft was published on August 18 and August 25, 2024 in The Spokesman-Review to inform the public that a draft permit and fact sheet are available for review starting August 18, 2024 to September 24, 2024. Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the draft permit. The proposed limitations, schedules, and conditions are tentative. All comments should be submitted within thirty days August 25, 2024.

    Comments should be sent to:

    Raylene Gennett, Wastewater Director
    City of Spokane
    Wastewater Management Department
    4401 N. Aubrey L. White Parkway
    Spokane, WA 99205-3939

    If the comments received indicate significant public interest, or if useful information could be produced thereby, the Director may hold a Public Hearing on the permit issuance.

The proposed permit and fact sheet are available for inspection on the City of Spokane website at: https://my.spokanecity.org/publicworks/wastewater/business/

The Director will consider all comments received within thirty (30) days from the date of public notice of draft indicated above, in formulating a final determination to issue, revise, or deny the permit.

Appendix A — RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

8/23/2024 H&R Complete commented:
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Is there anyway you can add Tank size of that form?
And regarding the Type of tank pumped: is It Gravity, Pressurized, Pump Chamber, others?
Maybe we can add choices on the form too so that the driver can just check it?

Response: Tank size used to be on the form years ago, but we can only charge for full truck volumes so having the size of each tank they pump can cause contention. It is not data that would be helpful to us, so the drivers are welcome to jot the gallons in the margin, but we don't need that data so will not be providing a box for it.
"Tank type" has caused a lot of confusion with haulers. The new form uses the language "waste type" and provides choices to circle with the option of writing in an answer too.

No other comments received as of 9/25/2024

Appendix B — List of Applicants

Applicants published in the public commentary period August 18, 2024 to September 24, 2024 shown in black font:

A-SPOKANE SEPTIC SERVICES LLC	7514 N Cedar Road	Spokane, WA 99208
AAA SWEEPING LLC	3808 N Sullivan Road, Bldg 107-B	Spokane Valley, WA 99216
AMERICAN ONSITE	3808 North Sullivan Road, 107-A	Spokane Valley, WA 99216
AMERICAN SEPTIC AND PUMP	24260 East Desmet Road	Liberty Lake, WA 99019
BAKER COMMODITIES INC.	4423 East Hutton Ave	Spokane, WA 99212
BIG SKY INDUSTRIAL (Rochelle Construction Services)	9711 W Euclid Rd	Spokane, WA 99204
BUB'S SEPTIC PUMPING INC.	41805 N. Fletcher Lane	Deer Park, WA 99006
CASTELLON SEPTIC SERVICES LLC	2002 S Inland Empire Way #24a	Spokane WA 99224
DOWNRIVER SEPTIC LLC	3006 N G Street	Spokane WA 99205
DRAINS PLUS (dba LITTLE STINKERS INC.)	49866 Old Hwy 95 Rathdrum, ID 83858	Hayden, ID 83835
ELK CHATTAROY SEPTIC SERVICES	34910 Elk Chattaroy Road	Elk, WA 99009
FIRST CLASS SEPTIC INC.	4984 W. McDougal Rd.	Deer Park, WA 99006
GOBERS LLC	11215 E Trent Ave.	Spokane Valley, WA 99206
GREASE TRAP SERVICE & HOOD FILTER EXCHANGE	5220 East 16th Avenue	Spokane Valley, WA 99212
H & R COMPLETE INC.	PO Box 749	Newman Lake, WA 99025
JOHNSON SEPTIC	2621 Scott Road	Rice, WA 99167
LILAC CITY SEPTIC SERVICE	6808 S. Linke Rd	Greenacres, WA 99016
LUXURY RESTROOM TRAILERS BY PRIVY CHAMBERS	7726 W Sunset Highway	Spokane WA 99224
NINE MILE SEPTIC LLC	PO Box 551	Nine Mile Falls, WA 99026
PATRIOT PORTABLE RESTROOMS PACIFIC NORTHWEST LLC	13211 E Trent Ave	Spokane WA 99216
PRETTYMAN'S SEPTIC SERVICE	4529 Whittier Road	Clayton, WA 99110
ROTO ROOTER SEWER SERVICE (MCA PLUMBING LLC)	6214 E Alki Ave	Spokane Valley, WA 99212
SPOKANE COUNTY WASTEWATER OPERATIONS	12107 E Empire Ave	Spokane Valley, WA 99206
SPOT ON SEPTIC, LLC	3412 Highway 30	La Grande, OR 97850
SUNSHINE DISPOSAL & RECYCLING	11320 W McFarlane Rd	Airway Heights WA 99001

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TAP SEPTIC LLC	34404 N Collins Rd	Athol, ID 83801
TRI-COUNTY SEPTIC SERVICE	3211 S Geiger Blvd., Suite 7	Spokane, WA 99219
WARD'S ROOTER & SEPTIC SERVICE	557 White Meadow Way	Colville, WA 99114

Modifications following public commentary period:
Spot On Septic LLC and Tap Septic LLC added to the list following public commentary period April 20, 2025 to May 27, 2025.
A-Spokane Septic Services LLC added to the list following public commentary period November 9, 2025 to December 16, 2025.
Castellon Septic Services LLC added to the list following public commentary period August 2, 2026 to September 8, 2026.